



Fifth Sunday of Lent

When did we see you...?

March 26, 2023

OPENING TO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Words for Meditation - from First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament *

Then the Chief will say to the sheep on his right, 'The blessing of my Father rests upon you. Come into the Land of Creator's good road that has been prepared for you from the beginning of the world.

For I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was hungry and you fed me. I was a stranger and you gave me lodging. When I needed clothes, you gave me something to wear.

When I was sick, you took care of me,
and when I was in prison, you visited me.'

'When did we do all these things for you?' the good-hearted ones asked.

'I speak from my heart,' he answered them, 'whatever you did for the least important of my fellow human beings who needed help, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:34-40

Welcome

Call to Worship **

As darkness gives way to light
and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

WE COME TODAY TO BE REMINDED OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US.

Like the green shoots of renewed life,
stirring beneath the soil,

WE WELCOME AN AWAKENING OF GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES.

In this time of reflection and repentance,
**WE AFFIRM OUR IDENTITY, WE CLAIM OUR SECURITY,
AS BELOVED CHILDREN OF GOD.**

HYMN *In Thy Holy Place We Bow* VT 40

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

Greeting: *The Peace of Christ be with you!* Response: *And also with you!*

Praying for the Peace of Christ to Rule in our Hearts - Psalm 85:8-13

HYMN *Restore Our Faith, O Saving God* VT 198

TELLING GOD'S STORY

Children's Time

Scripture Reading *Matthew 25:31-46*

Sermon

Music for Meditation

SHARING OUR STORIES

Prayers of the People

Sung Prayer: *For Those With Whom Our Lives are Bound* VT 734

Announcements

SENDING

HYMN *Jesus Christ Is Waiting* VT 287

Benediction

Postlude ... remain seated to receive the postlude as a musical blessing. Fellowship time follows worship, with coffee/tea/juice in the Common Grounds room. Sunday School for all ages begins at 11:00am.

*WORDS FOR MEDITATION: First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament (InterVarsity Press 2021 by Rain Ministries, Inc.).

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Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering box on the table at the back of the sanctuary. You can also now donate electronically on our website! Between now and the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale, we will also be collecting coins in the buckets on the table and/or in the jug in the foyer!

Sound: Murray Reimer
Livestream: Jay Gehring
Nursery Attendant: TBD
Ushers: Jay & Stephanie Gehring
Organist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader: Maggie Pounds
Scripture Reader: Jean Gaeddert
Children's Time: Stephanie Gehring
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!!

COMING UP...

Sun April 2 – Palm Sunday

Sun April 2 – volunteers needed after Sunday School to set up Stations of the Cross

Wed-Friday April 4-7 – Stations of the Cross for personal meditation (see below)

Thurs April 6 – Maundy Thursday (with Light meal & Communion) 6:00pm

Fri April 7 – Noon Community Good Friday Service @ Trinity UMC (Pastor Tonya helping)

Stations of the Cross at FMC open till 8pm (NO evening service @ FMC)

Sun April 9 – Easter potluck brunch @ 9am; Worship @ 10am; No Sunday School

Bring your own table service and a dish to share.

March 2023 WNAF (Wednesday Nights at First)

Our Wednesday evening series has begun and will continue through March 29.

5:30-6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (continues through April 5)

6:00-6:45pm Dinner served

6:50-7:50pm Bible Study (Reading Scripture Together project)

If you are planning to attend next Wednesday, you are invited to spend some time studying the scripture ahead of time. Please contact Pastor Tonya for the details and/or pick up a study sheet in the foyer.

Hymnals, ensemble music and more

Several more songbooks have been added to those you may take home with you. Check them out on the table in the foyer. If you wish to have multiple copies of any of these, let the church office know.

Stations of the Cross

You are invited to spend time in praying with the Stations of the Cross which will be available in the sanctuary as follows: **Wed April 5..10am-4:00pm**, **Thu April 6..noon-8pm** and **Fri April 7..1-8pm**.



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