



Fifth Sunday of Lent
Formed, Filled & Sent:
Encountering Jesus in the Gospel, at the Table, and on the Road.

GREATEST COMMANDMENT
March 17, 2024

GATHERED: INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

*The chime is rung as a call to set aside distractions to find rest in God,
who welcomes us here.*

Prelude

Opening Sentence: Psalm 89:1

*I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your
faithfulness to all generations.*

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: Come, bring your whole self to worship —

All: **mind and body, heart and soul.**

One: Love for God and love for our neighbor come together

All: **for we cannot do one without the other.**

One: This is the foundation of faith and life:

All: **to love with all we have and all we are.**

Opening Prayer*

HYMN *Renew Your Church* VT 717

Passing the Peace & Fellowship Greeting

FORMED: Encountering Jesus in the Gospel

HYMN *Praise, I Will Praise You Lord* VT 131

Children's Time

Scripture Reading *Mark 12:28-44*

Sermon

FILLED: Encountering Jesus at the Table

HYMN *I Come With Joy* VT 478

Prayer of Confession & Words of Institution

Come to the Table... (with Music for Meditation)

Come in the center aisle to one of the stations in the front to receive bread and juice. If you prefer to remain seated, a server will come to you. In keeping with our Anabaptist tradition, we offer those still deciding about baptism (often children and youth) a bunch of grapes and a blessing. However, as this is God's Table and not ours, we invite you to participate as you feel led by the Spirit of the Living Christ, the true host. All seeking to know and follow Christ more fully are welcome.

Prayer after Communion

SENT: Encountering Jesus on the Road

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

HYMN *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God* VT 653

Benediction*

Postlude ... *receive the postlude as a musical blessing*

If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all-church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

Photo on front of bulletin: [Jon Tyson](#) on [Unsplash](#)

*These words for worship written for BibleWorm by Rev. Teri Peterson.

Sound: Earl Ediger
Livestream: Jonathan Wenger
Ushers: Glenda & Rick Hooper
Nursery: Cindy Kroeker
Pianist: Peggy Stucky
Worship Leader: Carol Moore
Song Leader: Bryan Kehr
Scripture Reader: Cheryl Warkentin
Children's Time: Ama Reimer
Sermon: Anita Kehr
Communion Preparation: Dohn and Jeanette Fast
Communion Servers: Anita Kehr, Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger,
Pastor Jim Unruh, Carol Moore, Pauline Buller

Welcome!

We are so glad you are all here!!

*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.
Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!*

TODAY: Fellowship Time after worship & Sunday School @ 11:00

Sunday School classes for all ages

- **CHILDREN (all ages + nursery care):** *Jesus Brings Good News*
- **ADULT CLASS (combined in fellowship hall):**
Lenten Handel's Messiah Study.
- **YOUNGER ADULTS CLASS:** meets in the library

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **March 20** WNAF (Wed. Nights at First) Session
 - 5:30-6:30 Choir rehearsal (in the choir loft)
 - 6:00-7:00 Meal Served (fellowship hall)
 - 7:00-8:00 Adult Program & Children's Activities
- **April 12-13** – Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale
- **March 22** (Friday) – Singing Group @ Wenger's (*potluck 6:00pm, singing 7:00pm*)

Holy Week with Stations of the Cross and Maundy Thursday

Stations of the Cross open Tuesday 9-2pm; Wed-Friday noon-7pm

Maundy Thursday Meal & Worship 6:00pm, including communion and an opportunity for footwashing (optional)

EASTER (March 31)

9:00am Easter worship begins in the fellowship hall around tables

for *Easter Morning Prayer* and communion fellowship as we feast on a ***Breakfast Potluck*** (*bring a dish to share & your own table service*).

10:00am We'll transition to the sanctuary for our regular worship service, including filling the cross with flowers. (No Sunday School.)



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