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Fifth Sunday in Lent

*A nurturing community in Jesus Christ reflecting God's love for the world
as we Worship, Grow and Serve.*

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

One: God Has promised to make a new covenant with us.

All: **Our Lord has promised to write God's laws on our hearts.**

One: We will no longer teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for we shall all know God.

All: **For God will forgive our iniquity, and remember our sin no more.**

* SONG

"Your Great Name"

NealeNordhoff

Lost are saved, find their way
At the sound of Your great Name.

All condemned feel no shame
At the sound of Your great Name.

Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great Name.

The enemy, he has to leave
At the sound of Your great Name.

(chorus) Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us,
The Son of God and man.
You are high and lifted up,
And all the world will praise
Your great Name.

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great Name.
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great Name.
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great Name.
The sick are healed, the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name.

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us,
The Son of God and man.
You are high and lifted up,
And all the world will praise
Your great Name. Your great name.

Redeemer my Healer Lord Almighty.
Defender my Savior You are my King. *(repeat)*

(chorus 2 times)

(ending) Your great Name. Your great Name.

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name,
Would care to feel my hurt?
Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way
For my ever wand'ring heart?

(pre-chorus) Not because of who I am,
But because of what You've done.
Not because of what I've done,
But because of who You are.

(chorus) I am a flower quickly fading,
Here today and gone tomorrow;
A wave tossed in the ocean,
A vapor in the wind.
Still You hear me when I'm calling.
Lord, You catch me when I'm falling.
And You've told me who I am:
I am Yours.

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love
And watch me rise again?
Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me?

(pre-chorus)

(chorus)

CEREMONY OF DIMINISHING LIGHT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have failed to live in covenant relation with you and one another. We have exploited our relationships with one another and the earth for private gain. Our hearts have become hardened to the suffering we have caused. Create in us a new heart, O God. Write your law in our hearts so that we will love you with all of who we are and love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

O God, you promised your new covenant with us. Help us to hear the words of Scripture as your Word of the new covenant established in Jesus Christ for us today. Amen.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people^l to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

SERMON

“We Wish To See Jesus”

Rev. Eric Markman

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

* HYMN 724

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ANGEL’S STORY

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

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O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle;
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

DEDICATING OUR OFFERINGS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

“One Great Hour of Sharing”

Jim Annett

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

*Let us pray for the church, our neighbors in need and the whole world, saying: **Hear our prayer.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*** HYMN 721**

“*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*”

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

(refrain) O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor. *(refrain)*

You need my hands, full of caring,
through my labors to give others rest
and constant love that keeps on loving. *(refrain)*

You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me: *(refrain)*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* HYMN OF SENDING 728

"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'

Somebody's knocking at your door;
somebody's knocking at your door;
O sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knocking at your door.

Knocks like Jesus.
Somebody's knocking at your door.
Knocks like Jesus.
Somebody's knocking at your door.
O sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knocking at your door.

Can't you hear him?
Somebody's knocking at your door.
Can't you hear him?
Somebody's knocking at your door.
O sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knocking at your door.

Answer Jesus.
Somebody's knocking at your door.
Answer Jesus.
Somebody's knocking at your door.
O sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knocking at your door.

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