

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## MARCH 21, 2021

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

### Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Greeting Time      Brice Smith

Song #72      "Great Is Their Faithfulness"      RUNYAN

### \*Call to Worship

Let the Messiah be exalted among us!  
Let all peoples of the earth draw near!

**The hour has come, and we would see Jesus!**

**The time has come to glorify the Lord!**

Let those who would serve the Lord of Life!  
follow Christ Jesus to the cross!

**Where the single seed falls, there is a full head of grain.**

**Where our Lord has gone, let us faithfully follow.**

Timothy Matthew Slemmons, "When Heaven Stands Open: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship." Cascade Books: 2013. All rights reserved.

\*Invocation Prayer      The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

### Call to Confession

**Unison Prayer of Confession:** O Jesus, our High Priest, you are the source of eternal salvation for all who obey you. We confess, however, that our obedience is wanting, our sin is great, and our need is profound. May your perfect sacrifice cover our sins, your steadfast faithfulness change our hearts, your Pure Spirit impart to us truth, obedience, and life, that we might serve you, praise you, please you, and know the deep, indwelling presence of God!

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Song of Faith      "Give Us Clean Hands"      WT

**The Prayer of the People and the 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. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

The First Reading      Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Second Reading      Hebrews 5:5-10

\*Gospel Reading      John 12:20-33

Responsorial #373      "Change My Heart, O God"

Children's Message      (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and younger to Junior Church)

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings & Prayer of Dedication

Message      "The Promise of a New Covenant"  
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

### RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

**\*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship –** If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

\*Song # 374      "Refiner's Fire"

\*Spoken Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able



**SERMON SERIES – The Problem: God’s Solution to Our Biggest Problem**  
– Pastor Ivan is teaching a six-part sermon series on our biggest problem and how God is fixing it. Watch the entire series on the Church’s YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbIF8rvtPVFk2iWJMCQHKw>

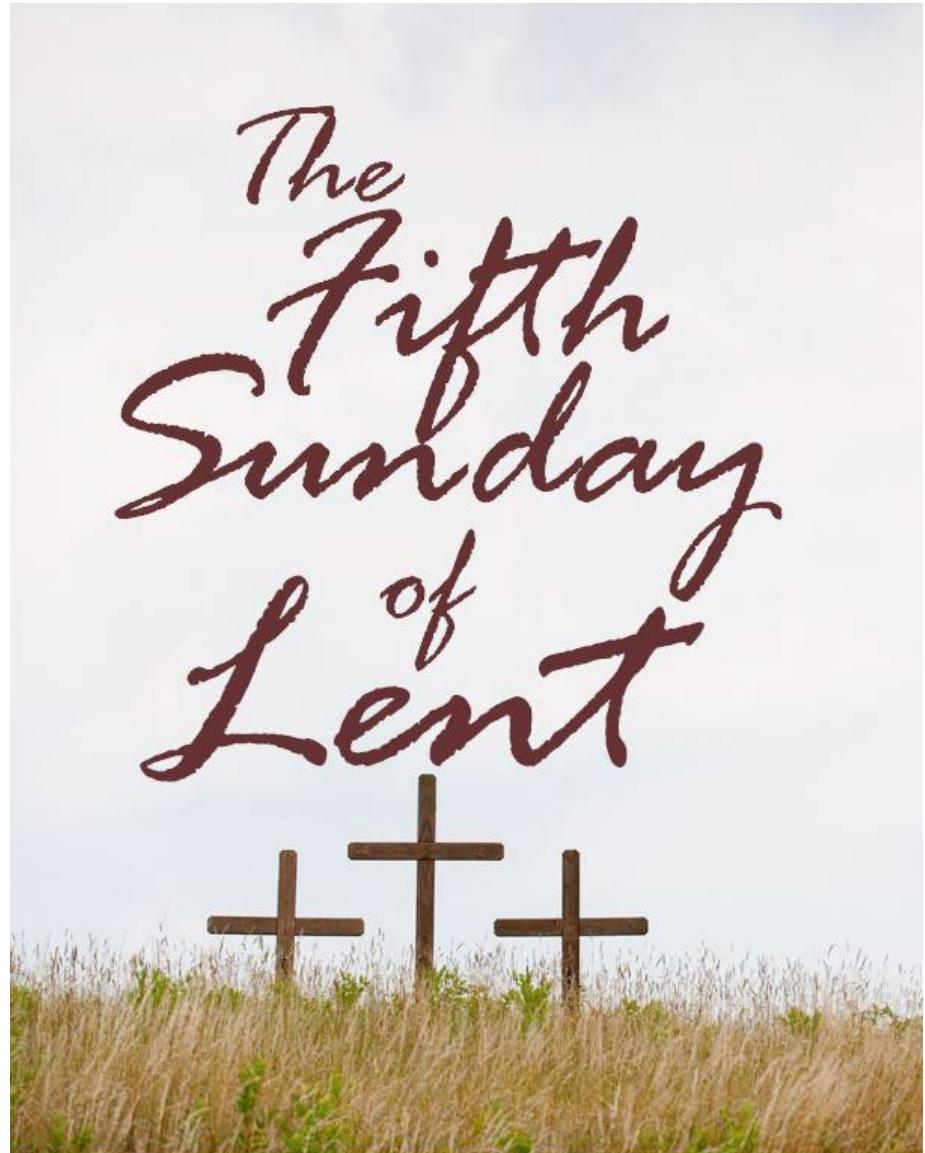
**BELIEVER’S BAPTISM** – We practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of a person in water – regardless of age – who receives Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith to walk the Jesus way. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year. If you would like to be baptized, then come to the front during the last song.

**THE LORD’S SUPPER** – We celebrates the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. All persons, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together.



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