

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Janice Hedberg, Church Organist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

*Gathering Song #56 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" *MIT FREUDEN ZART*

*Call to Worship

Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.

For the Lord is about to do a new thing!

Now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?

**The Lord has prepared a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert
to give us drink.**

Declare God's praise, O people! Honor the Lord, with every living thing!

We thank you, mighty God! We declare your praise! †

*Opening Prayer

Songs of Faith #255 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" *ST. CHRISTOPHER*

Call to Confession†

Unison Confession: O Lord our God, you have done great things for us; you have graciously chosen and formed your people that we might worship you and declare your praise. Yet, we confess, we often forget our joyful calling; we foolishly place confidence in the flesh, as though we had reason to boast of a righteousness of our own. Forgive us, O God, for every failure of our faith and worship, for every forgetful moment when we lose sight of Christ, who alone is righteousness for our self-regard; this we ask in Jesus' name. †

Assurance of Forgiveness†

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Ashley Smith

The First Reading **Isaiah 43:16-21**

The Second Reading **Philippians 3:4b-14**

*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ **John 12:1-8**

*Responsorial #473 (BH) "More Love to Thee O Christ" *DOANE*

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Announcements & Prayers of the Community

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - A collection plate is available in the front of the Sanctuary, ushers will collect the offering, or you can give it online.

Offertory Special Janice Hedberg, Church Organist

Prayer, and The Message "At the Cross: The Obliteration of Guilt and Shame"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

Invitation to the Lord's Table – We practice *open communion*. All persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ are invited to partake of this memorial meal. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

Communion Song #695 "As We Gather at Your Table" *BEACH SPRING*

The Prayer of Institution 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, the power, and the glory forever.

Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper

Breaking of Bread

The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven

Passing of the Cup

The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation

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.

***Closing Hymn #261 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”** *HAMBURG*

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** **Janice Hedberg, Church Organist**

**Stand when able*

AGAPE FELLOWSHIP BENEVOLENCE FUND – On the first Sunday of the month, the church receives an offering for the poor and families in need. You are invited to donate funds in the basket at the front of the Sanctuary as you leave worship today. The funds help our members and neighbors with basic needs, such as medical and utility bills, food, rent, and more as we partner with local mission agencies. The Benevolence Committee oversees the distribution of funds.

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and covenant of this may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

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At The Cross

A LENTON SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE



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