

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2006; Worship at 10:00 A.M.

Reflection: “Sit quietly, doing nothing, spring comes, and the grass grows by itself.” - Zen saying.

“As the prelude begins, please conclude your conversations and quietly prepare for worship.”

Prelude

Church Bell

Introit

Call to Worship

One: Deep within each one of us is a presence so real and powerful that admitting it exists is an act of letting go.

ALL: For to know God in this sacred place is to listen to trust in something other than our own thoughts.

One: It is a quiet voice that brings great peace and calm, no matter what the circumstances may be.

ALL: It tell us that we are part of something so great and wonderful that even in the most difficult of times we are protected in ways beyond all we know.

One: Listen for that voice this morning, as we celebrate this time together in worship.

ALL: Let us hear with our hearts today and everyday the symphony of love that is always playing. Amen.

*** Hymn #298 There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy**

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Your voice tells us, “Be not afraid.” So why are we so often scared of all sorts of things? You invite us to let go of our worries, but we are not always sure that turning our lives over to your care is the best of moves. After all, there is so much we have to do, “Perhaps we can discuss your offer later, God,” we seem, to say as we hurry about until we hurry no more. And so, for placing you too often second, or third, or worse - we ask forgiveness. We ask forgiveness for going so fast we push you aside; for being so sure we know what is best; and for the fear we have of letting go and trusting in you. Help us, in removing all the obstacles that stand between you and all of us, because we really do want to know you in the most personal and spiritual of ways. Amen.

Silent Confession

Choral Response

Declaration of Forgiveness

*** Hymn # 316** *Breathe on me, Breath of God
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me,
Glows with thy fire divine.*

Sharing the Peace

Minute for Mission Announcements *One Great Hour of Sharing* – Mercy Garland

Children’s Message John Guzewich

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading Psalm 51: 1-12

Anthem *All in an April Evening*

Gospel Reading John 12: 20 - 33

Sermon *Loosening the Grip*

*** Hymn # 513** *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees*

Communion All are invited to join us at the table.

Offering our Gifts and Tithes

*** Hymn # 592** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

* Prayer of Dedication

Offering our Joys and Concerns for Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

* **Hymn # 369** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Amen**

Postlude

**All that are able please stand*

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Participants

Ministers	All the People
Interim Minister	Ray Bagnuolo
Organist and Choir Director	Michael Shapiro
Lay Reader	Sally Green
Ushers	Richard Hansen & James Rubenstone
Deacon of the Month	Dallas Abbott
Coffee Hour Deacons	Richard Hansen & John McKay

If you are a visitor, please sign the guest book in the Narthex and join us for coffee hour to learn more about the life of this church. Speakers are installed in the choir room in the Parish House so parents of infants and toddlers may hear the service.

Weekly Gatherings: Tuesdays, 10 A.M.: Tai Chi; Wednesdays, 10 A.M.: Play Group; 12:15 P.M.: Bible Study; Thursdays, 8 P.M.: Choir Rehearsal; Fridays, 10 A.M.: Chair Tai Chi. Please check the bulletin insert and our website for other events and announcements.



*We are a Christian community welcoming
all as we seek to grow in faith and serve others.*

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