

Fifth Sunday in Lent

May 7, 2006; Worship at 10:00 A.M.

Reflection: Power takes as ingratitude the writhing of its victims.
- Rabindranath Tagore, Bengali Poet

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

Prelude

Church Bell

Introit

Call to Worship

One: There is much in the world that is hard to accept.

ALL: Acceptance of our limited influence is a hard thing to do. It reflects our powerlessness and lack of control. It can be daunting and frightening.

One: Among other reasons, it is why we are here.

ALL: Yes, there is a reminder here of whom we are and of what we are a part. Here, in this sanctuary, we are filled with God’s Presence and Grace; hope replaces inadequacy and fear.

One: It is true. We are reminded of the joy of an empty tomb and that the Risen One is with us now and forever.

ALL: It is in this gratitude and assurance that we worship. Amen.

* Hymn # 341 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

Prayer of Confession (unison)

We confess that we are sometimes too far removed from you, God. Then, when things are quiet and we are calm – there you are, with your blessings, peace, assurance, and hope. In those moments we are a bit kinder, more courageous, centered, and all things become a possibility. Often in those times, we find you through others, and we know what it is to be in your great and expansive sanctuary, in the gift of community. Forgive us, please, for our distractions, which help us to forget how abundant and accessible you are in all the moments of our lives. 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

Announcements

Children’s Message John Guzewich

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading Acts 4:5-12

Anthem "Come to the Table of the Lord"

Gospel Reading John 12: 20 - 33

Sermon *Sanctuary*

*Hymn # 516 Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

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 #106 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

* Benediction

* Choral Amen

Postlude

**All that are able please stand*

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Participants

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| Ministers | All the People |
| Interim Minister | Ray Bagnuolo |
| Organist and Choir Director | Michael Shapiro |
| Lay Reader | Jack Fuller |
| Ushers | Richard Hansen & Robert Rassmussen |
| Deacon of the Month | Maria Gagliardi |
| Coffee Hour Deacons | Cathy Shiga-Gattullo and Ivan Szendro |

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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