

March 21, 2021
“5th SUNDAY IN LENT”
Liturgical Color – Purple

* Please stand in stature or in heart as you are able

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE ... *LET US FOCUS OUR THOUGHTS AND OUR HEARTS ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST*

OPENING PAYER:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The journey of Lent continues with a journey of sacrifice.
We are called upon to give our lives to God.
We are called upon to give of ourselves to others.
Lord, help us to reach inward in confession and outward in service.
Be with us this day and walk with us on this journey.
Help us join you in what you are doing today and every day. AMEN.

* *Jesus Calls Us*

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A RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway;
when the road ahead seems too uncertain, and we are afraid.
We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task.
Jesus requires us to be willing
to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives
and we hesitate and hold back.
Draw us back to you, Lord.
Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope.
Let us place our trust in you
that the message of peace and mercy
you have given to us through Jesus Christ
may be offered to others
through our own witness to your healing mercy.
In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON:

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

* *Would I Have Answered When You Called*

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TIME OF PRAYER / THE LORD'S PRAYER:

(Ecumenical Text)

**Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.**
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. AMEN.**

BLESSING OF THE QUILT SLEEPING BAGS

GOD'S WORD:

John 12:20-33

(The reader says: "This is the Word of God for ALL people" ... AND ... The people respond: "Thanks BE to God")

TODAY'S MESSAGE: "AMDG ... AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIA ... FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD ALONE"

DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE ...

Do your thoughts, your words and your actions show others
your desire is AMDG – FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD ALONE?

* *Take Up Thy Cross*

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* PRAYER FOR OFFERING OUR LIVES, OUR TITHES, AND OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD:

**Thanks be to thee, O God, for all good gifts,
and especially for thy inexpressible gift of the Lord Jesus.
Help us, O Lord, to see wherein we have been blessed,
and to be a blessing to others. Amen.**

* BENEDICTION

* *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

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JOHN WESLEY'S THREE SIMPLE RULES

- 1) **DO NO HARM**
- 2) **DO GOOD**
- 3) **STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD**

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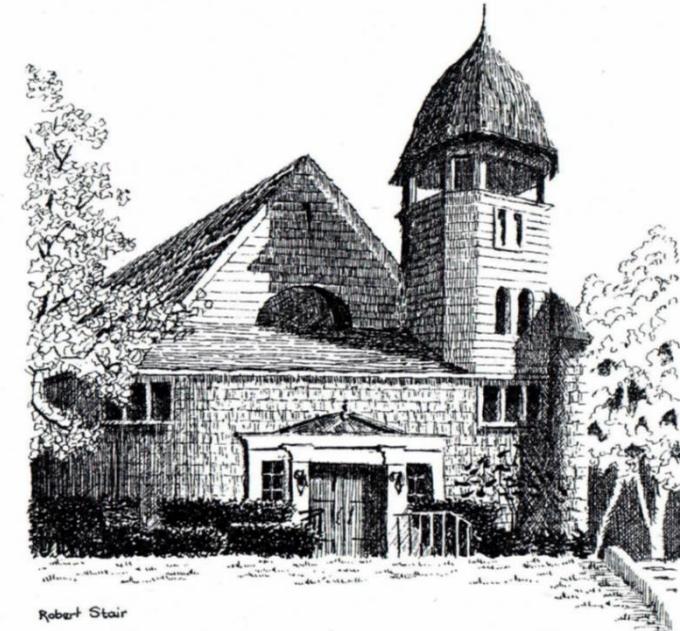
**"IN ESSENTIALS UNITY.
IN NON-ESSENTIALS LIBERTY.
IN ALL THINGS CHARITY."**

- Phillip Melanchthon ... often quoted by John Wesley

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

***I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."***

(Psalm 122:1)



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TODAY'S CENTERING VERSE

**I assure you
that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it can only be a single seed.
But if it dies,
it bears much fruit.**

(John 12:24)