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Fifth Sunday in Lent \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

***Planted in Faith: Blossoming and Thriving***

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary. We pray God's blessing upon you.*

For today's service, we will be using the black hymnals.

*Today, we will have a service of healing after each worship service. Anyone who wishes to have healing may simply stay until the completion of the postlude and we will have a brief service of healing. Thank you.*

**GATHERING . . .**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*He Knows My Name*

by Walker

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE . . .**

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: Come, let us worship God. Let us tell the stories of God's work in the world.

**P: God plants seeds of faith that we must nurture to bring to blossom.**

L: As disciples, the seed of faith is planted within our hearts.

**P: May it take root and become a way of life.**

L: Although we may feel small and insignificant, God counts on us to blossom and thrive.

**ALL: God will use our gifts in miraculous ways. Praise the God of small seed and mighty power.**

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 238** (black hymnal) *Now the Green Blade Rises*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Creating God, we know that you have planted the seeds of faith within us, but we are reluctant gardeners. We are not always ready to do the work that cultivates a deep, rich faith. We are easily distracted and become overwhelmed by the busyness of our lives, instead of taking time to remember you and your will for us. We do not trust that if we look to you, you will guide. God, forgive us when we do not show the fruits of your love. Forgive us when we do not share the beauty of your grace and compassion with others. Forgive us and remind us that the reason we thrive is because you are the source of all life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2162 (v. 1, \*Faith We Sing, see insert) *Grace Alone*

**ALL SING:** Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, every difference we will make is only by his grace. Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, every blessing left behind is only by his grace. Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

**GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED . . .**

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 13: 31-35

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 563** (black hymnal) *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky*

(8:00 AM) **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS** Norman & Ivy Leach

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL:** 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM** *Song of Growing* by Martin, Nolan

WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE . . .

**OFFERTORY**

*During this time of offering, we invite you to come forward to help us continue the Mt. Zion Garden of Faith. In our series, we have cleared the ground, we have dug in the dirt, we have planted, weeded, and watered. Today, we look to the work that is coming to blossom. We invite you to come forward and add a blossom to the Mt. Zion Tree of Faith. May these blossoms and leaves be symbols of what comes when we are committed in our discipleship.*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *The Cloud's Veil* by Lawton

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 2203 (\*\*Faith We Sing)** *In His Time*

**ALL SING:** In his time, in his time, he makes all things beautiful in his time. Lord, please show me every day as you're teaching me your way, that you do just what you say in your time. In your time, in your time, you make all things beautiful in your time. Lord, my life to you I bring, may each song I have to sing be to you a lovely thing in your time.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO BE CHRIST'S DISCIPLES . . .

**\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 528** (v. 1 & 2, black hymnal) *You Are the Seed*

**ALL SING:** You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will shine through the day; You are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the night. You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear golden grain; You are a sting and soft, gentle touch, my witnesses where'er you go. Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all, messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."

You are the flame that will brighten the way, sending sparkles of hope, faith, and love; you are the shepherds to lead the whole world through valleys and pastures of peace. You are the friends that I chose for myself, the word that I want to proclaim. You are the city that's built on a rock where justice and truth always reign. Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all, messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION NO. 528** (v. 3, black hymnal) *You Are the Seed*

**ALL SING:** You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a turbulent sea; yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield. There is no place for a city to hide, nor a mountain can cover its might; may your good deeds show a world in despair a path that will lead all to God. Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all, messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead I arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forever, till the end of the world."

**POSTLUDE**

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

by Walther

We welcome infants and children in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

The bulletins are presented in honor of Andrew Kline's birthday by Auntie Anne Henry.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of all of our Lenten presenters by Mary Jane Snyder.

One vase of altar flowers has been placed in honor of Bonnie Dull's birthday, by her mother.

Thank you to our Worship Choir for performing during the 10:30 AM service today.

Thank you to our Lenten Worship Planning Team for planning worship today. The Lenten team is made up of: Jen Cooper, Dave Firestone, Nancy Sleeper, Pastor Danielle & Pastor Jeff.

8:00 AM Worship Tech: Jim Shiffer

8:00 AM Welcome Team: Deb & Terry Barnes, Danika & Drew Dallam

10:30 AM Welcoming Team: Rich Huber, Palmer Burke, Nancy & Jesse Smith

10:30 AM Acolyte: Maddie Gyenes

Today we welcome Norman & Ivy Leach into membership at the 8 AM service. We praise God for bringing them to our community! Welcome, Norman & Ivy.

<sup>1</sup> The Call to Worship is a combination of text written by Pastor Danielle and text from Ministry Matters, June 17, 2012.

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# Now the Green Blade Rises

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John M. C. Crum, 1928; alt.

Matt. 27:57-28:7; Luke 23:50-24:12

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain;  
2 In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,  
3 Christ came forth at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

Wheat that in dark earth for man - y days has lain;  
Think - ing that their Love would nev - er wake a - gain,  
Je - sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,  
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a - gain,

Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:  
Quick from the dead the ris - en One is seen:  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

*Refrain*  
Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris - es green.

John M. C. Crum, an English priest who was canon of Canterbury for fifteen years, wrote these words for this ancient French Christmas carol tune when it was included in the Oxford Book of Carols (1928).

Tune: NOËL NOUVELET 11.10.10.11.  
French noel, 15th century  
Harm. Martin F. Shaw, 1928

## Grace Alone

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1. Ev - ery prom - ise we can make, ev - ery prayer and  
 2. Ev - ery soul we long to reach, ev - ery heart we



step of faith, ev - ery dif - ference we will make  
 hope to teach, ev - ery - where we share his peace



is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery moun - tain  
 is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery lov - ing



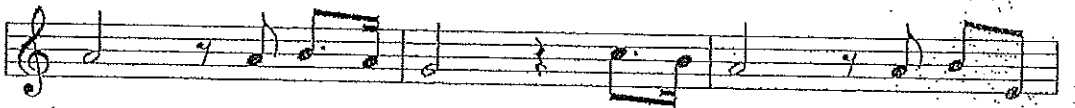
we will climb, ev - ery ray of hope we shine,  
 word we say, ev - ery tear we wipe a - way,



ev - ery bless - ing left be - hind }  
 ev - ery sor - row turned to praise } is on - ly by his

*Refrain*

grace. Grace a - lone, which God sup - plies, strength un -



known he will pro - vide. Christ in us our Cor - ner -



stone; we will go forth in grace a - lone.

WORDS: Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson (Eph. 2:8-10)  
 MUSIC: Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson

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GRACE ALONE  
 Irregular with Refrain

John 10:10

Ruth Duck, 1984; rev. 1989

1 We can - not own the sun - lit sky, the moon, the wild - flowers  
 2 When bod - ies shiv - er in the night and, wea - ry, wait for  
 3 God calls hu - man - i - ty to join as part - ners in cre -

grow - ing, for we are part of all that is with -  
 morn - ing, when chil - dren have no bread but tears, and  
 a - ting a fu - ture free from want or fear, life's

in life's riv - er flow - ing. With o - pen hands re -  
 war - horns sound their warn - ing, God calls hu - man - i -  
 good - ness cel - e - brat - ing. That new world beck - ons

ceive and share the gifts of God's cre - a - tion, that  
 ty to wake, to join in com - mon la - bor, that  
 from a - far, in - vites our shared en - deav - or, that

all may have a - bun - dant life in ev - ery earth - ly na - tion.  
 all may have a - bun - dant life in one - ness with their neigh - bor.  
 all may have a - bun - dant life and peace en - dure for - ev - er.

*Ruth Duck wrote this text while she was serving as a corporate member of the United Church Board for World Ministries. In it, she wanted to "emphasize humanity's shared partnership with God in caring for one another and the whole creation."*

Tune: ENDLESS SONG 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Attrib. to Robert Lowry in Bright Jewels  
 for the Sunday School, New York, 1869

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# In His Time



1. In his time, \_\_\_\_\_ in his time; \_\_\_\_\_ he makes  
2. In your time, \_\_\_\_\_ in your time; \_\_\_\_\_ you make



all things beau-ti-ful in his time. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, please  
all things beau-ti-ful in your time. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, my



show me ev-ery day as you're teach-ing me your way, that you  
life to you I bring; may each song I have to sing be to



do just what you say in your time. \_\_\_\_\_  
you a love-ly thing in your time. \_\_\_\_\_

WORDS: Diane Ball (Eccles. 3:11)  
MUSIC: Diane Ball

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GOD'S TIME  
Irregular



# Sois la Semilla

(You Are the Seed)

Matt. 13:24-30, 33, 36-43; 5:13-16; 28:18-20

Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979; alt.

Transl. Raquel Gutiérrez-Achon and Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987; alt.

Unison D A7 Bm D

1 Sois la se - mi - lla que ha de cre - cer, sois es -  
 1 Sois la ma - ña - na que vuel - ve a na - cer sois es -  
 1 You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a  
 1 You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the

G G6 A7 D A

re - lla que ha de bri - llar. Sois le - va - du - ra, sois  
 pi - ga que em - pie - za a gra - nar. Sois a - gui - jón y ca -  
 star that will shine through the day; You are the yeast and a  
 wheat that will bear gold - en grain; You are a sting and a

Bm G D G6 A7 D

gra - no de sal, an - tor - cha que de - be a - lum - brar.  
 ri - cia a la vez, tes - ti - gos que voy a en - viar.  
 small grain of salt, a bea - con to glow in the night.  
 soft, gen - tle touch, my wit - ness - es wher - e'er you go.

*Estribillo (Refrain)* G A7

Id, a - mi - gas, por el mun - do, a - nun - cian - do el a -  
 Sed, a - mi - gos, mis tes - ti - gos de mi re - su - rrec -  
 Go, my friends, go to the world, pro - claim - ing love to  
 Be, my friends, a loy - al wit - ness, from the dead I a -

mor, men - sa - je - ras de la vi - da,  
 ción: Id lle - van - do mi pre - sen - cia;  
 all, mes - sen - gers of my for - giv - ing peace,  
 rose; "Lo, I'll be with you for - ev - er,

de la paz y el per - dón. con u - ste - des es - toy.  
 e - ter - nal love. till the end of the world."

2 Sois u-na lla-ma  
 que ha de en-cen-der  
 res-plan-do-res de fe y ca-ri-dad.  
 Sois los pas-to-res que han de lle-var  
 al mun-do por sen-das de paz.  
 Sois los a-mi-gos que qui-se es-co-ger,  
 sois pa-la-bra que in-ten-to es-par-cir.  
 Sois rei-no nue-vo  
 que em-pie-za a en-gen-drar  
 jus-ti-cia, a-mor y ver-dad.  
*Estribillo*

3 Sois fue-go y sa-bia  
 que vi-ne a tra-er,  
 sois la o-la que a-gi-ta la mar.  
 La le-va-du-ra pe-que-fia de a-yer  
 fer-men-ta la ma-sa del pan.  
 U-na ciu-dad no se pue-de es-con-der,  
 ni los mon-tes se han de ocu-ltar,  
 en es-tas o-bras que bus-can el bien,  
 el mun-do a Dios ha de ver.  
*Estribillo*

2 You are the flame that will bright-en  
 the way,  
 send-ing spar-kl-es of hope, faith,  
 and love;  
 you are the shep-herds  
 to lead the whole world  
 through val-leys and pas-tures of peace.  
 You are the friends that I chose for my-sélf,  
 the word that I want to pro-claim.  
 You are the cit-y that's built on a rock  
 where jus-tice and truth al-ways reign.  
*Refrain*

3 You are the life that will nur-ture the plant;  
 you're the waves in a tur-bu-lent sea;  
 yes-ter-day's yeast is be-gin-ning to rise,  
 a new loaf of bread it will yield.  
 There is no place for a cit-y to hide,  
 nor a moun-tain can cov-er its might;  
 may your good deeds  
 show a world in de-spair  
 a path that will lead all to God.  
*Refrain*

*This hymn by Spanish theologian Cesáreo Gabarán first appeared in the collection Dios con nosotros, published in Madrid. The tune, which can be translated in English as "Go and Teach," was arranged by Mexican organist and choral director Skinner Chávez-Melo.*

Tune: ID Y ENSEÑAD 10.9.10.8.D. with refrain  
 Cesáreo Gabarán, 1979  
 Harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987