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March 26, 2023

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Oil

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 welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex 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. Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30 AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

PRELUDE

The Cloud's Veil

by Lawton

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
MUSICAL INTERLUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: Estrangement, hurt, arguments, division:

P: Every family, every congregation, every group encounters the challenges of life together.

L: The cross of Jesus Christ holds the hope of healing as yet unrealized.

P: The hurts we have perpetrated, the wounds that seem to fester rather than to heal,

L: The scars on Jesus' hands, his feet, his sides show us that no wound is too grievous for God to heal and make whole.

ALL: Let us worship our God Who sent His Son as the balm to heal our sin-sick souls.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 207 NCH** (black hymnal, see p. 4)
(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Just As I Am

***TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Holy God, we confess to you our pain: pain we inflict on others, pain that wakes us in the night, pain of brothers and sisters and people unknown, pain in this city, this nation, and this world. The pain of system unyielding. Lord Christ, enter into our pain: bear the burdens we feel and create. Redeem what is crushing and wrong. By your Spirit, forgive us and heal us. Set us free to love and to live. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 780 NCH (black hymnal, see p. 5)

Doxology

ALL SING: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

In Silence and Peace

by Lawton

OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 417 (black hymnal, see p. 6, vs. 3 & 4)

This is a Day of New Beginnings

ALL SING: Then let us with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.

This is a day of new beginnings—our God is making all things new.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM

We Are Yours Lord

Price/Besig

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:6-13

James 5:13-14

MESSAGE

HYMN NO. 206 NCH (black hymnal, see p. 7)

A Woman Came Who Did Not Count the Cost

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.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 553** (UM Hymnal, see p. 8)

There is a Balm in Gilead

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

It is Well

by Bliss

References

¹The Call to Worship was written by Deb Herlocker utilizing passages from the book, *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield

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Just As I Am

Charlotte Elliott, 1836

William B. Bradbury, 1849

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Just as I am, with - out one
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a -
 3. Just as I am, you will re -
 4. Just as I am, your love un -

5

plea but that your blood was shed for
 - bout with man - y a con - flict, many a
 - ceive, will wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re -
 - known has bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier

9

me, And that you called in - vit - ing
 doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, - with -
 - lieve; Be - cause your prom - ise and I be -
 down; Now to be yours, and yours a -

13

me, O Lamb of God, I come,
 - out, O Lamb of God, I come,
 - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come,
 - lone, O Lamb of God, I come,

17

I come!
 I come!
 I come!
 I come!

Doxology

Thomas Ken, 1674

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise

4
God, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise God a - bove, you

7
heaven - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

This is a Day of New Beginnings

Les Garrett, 1967

♩ = 80

Piano



1. This is a day of new be - gin-nings,
2. For by the life and death of Je - sus,
3. Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
4. Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us

5



time to re - mem - ber and move on,
God's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
step from the past and leave be - hind
to show and share what love can do.

9



time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
can make for us a world of dif - ference,
our dis - a - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
This is a day of new be - gin - nings

13



lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
as faith and hope are born a - gain.
seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
our God is mak - ing all things

2.

17



new.

A Woman Came Who Did Not Count the Cost


Richard D. Leach, 1990

William Walford, 1845

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$\text{♩} = 80$

Piano




1. A wo - man came who did not count the cost of do - ing
2. Some on - ly saw what she has spent, "Why such a waste with
3. You give as she, sur - pris - ing - ly, you give with beau - ty

5



what she could, she broke an al - a - bas - ter flask, and
poor to feed?" They served the poor well with their tongues! But
as she gave, You give as she, not hold - ing back, you

8 *Refrain*




sweet - ness spilled on Je - sus' head. O God, you are the, A - noin - ting One who
she had done a love - ly deed.
make us Christ - like with your love.

12



does not count your pas - sion's cost, And when we gath - er you will spill the

16



sweet - ness of your grace on us.

There is a Balm in Gilead

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$




There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed

5



whole, there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to

9



heal the sin - sick soul. 1. Some - times I feel dis -
2. Don't ev - er feel dis -
3. If you can - not preach like

12



- cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, But
- cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend, who,
Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul, you can

15



then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.
tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.