



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "God So Loved the World"

arr. James Koer

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For he didn't consider equality with God something to be grasped, but he emptied himself, even unto death on a cross. As we wait for the day of resurrection let us look to Jesus.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir: "God of the Deep"

Forrest

Each time I stand and wonder at the vastness of the sea,
I know that there are mysteries too great and deep for me.
The wide expanse of water reaches far beyond my sight,
And yet I know the One to whom its depths are full of light.

The mighty waves roll in to shore and break upon the sand,
Compelled by unseen forces that I cannot understand.
The currents run beneath the waves in perfect, charted paths;
A skillful hand directs their courses, as it ever has.

The ocean teems with living things who never see the sun,
And yet there is an eye who sees and knows them, every one;
And that same eye has fathomed all the myst'ries of my days;
When tears have dimmed my sight, a heart of Love still charts my ways.

When simple explanations lie too deep for me to find,
I rest in God who holds the whole creation in His mind.

I hope in Him whose skill and wisdom far exceed my own.
The secrets of the hidden depths belong to God alone.

Eileen Berry

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 492 "Come, Thou Almighty King"**

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

All: Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

Liturgist: If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

**All: I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.
I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

Silent Confession and Lament

Liturgist: Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Psalm 130

* **All Singing: 682 "Before the Throne of God Above"**

Liturgist: Romans 8:31-39

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Choir: "That Which Remains"

Ramsey

What we have once enjoyed we can never lose.
A sunset, a mountain bathed in moonlight
The ocean in calm and in storm –
We see these, love their beauty,
Hold the vision to our hearts.
All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.
Life is overlord of death.
And love can never lose its own.

— from "The Open Door" by Helen Keller

Scripture: Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Walking with Compassion

* **All Singing: 742 “Will You Come and Follow Me”**
Singing verses 1, 2, 3, and 5

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Bright Promise Fund

OFFERTORY “Jesus, Name Above All Names”

arr. John F. Wilson

* **All Singing: 965 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: “Be of One Mind”**

**Finally all of you be of one mind
Humble and loving and tender and kind (2x)**

**Do not repay (Do not repay)
Evil for evil (Evil for evil)
Do not repay (Do not repay)
Insult for insult (Insult for insult)**

**Return instead a blessing
for you were called to blessed
Inherit the promise of Christ**

Postlude: “Here I Am, Lord”

Dan Schutte, arr. Fred Bock

Worship Leaders

Organist: Dora Diephouse
Pianist: Anna Triezenberg-Sims
Vocalist: Evelyn Evenhouse
Violinist: Bethany Keeley-Jonker
Guitar: Jeremy Hulford
Percussion: Henry Evenhouse
Choir Director: David Baar
Minister: Roger Nelson

Acolyte: Isaiah Drenth
Liturgist: Emily E. Hillegonds
Prayer: Gary R. Medema

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