

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 13, 2016

10:30 AM

(\* Please Stand as Able

**Bold Print - Please Say In Unison**

*If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give. God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection—a new and abundant life.*

**WELCOME - Please sign the Pew Pad & pass it to the next person**

**HYMN** *Lonesome Valley* SB#97

**HEBREW BIBLE READING** Isaiah 43:16-21

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus is on the road to Jerusalem.

**P: We watch in sorrow.**

L: God promises, “I am about to do a new thing.”

**P: We wait in hope.**

L: God is faithful.

**P: Our tears will turn to shouts of joy.**

L: Christ Jesus has made us his own!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**OPENNING PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE** – Please pray with me...

**The days ahead are dark and full of foreboding as we watch as Jesus journey to the cross. There is no way to change what is to come, yet death has not the final word. Let us bear witness to God’s new life moving within and among us. God is doing a new thing. Let us rejoice and give thanks! Amen**

**SONGS** *Wings of a Dove* SB #164

*Guide My Feet* SB #26

### PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the**

**gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves Righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away—and a new life has begun. We are the heirs of God’s promises. We are the children of God’s compassion and mercy.

#### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L: As we resolve to follow the path that Jesus walked, let us offer one another the sustaining power of Christ’s peace. The peace of Christ be with you, always.

**P: And also with you.**

**SONG** *I Want to Be Ready* SB #46

**READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILLIPIANS 3:4b-14**

**READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 12:1-8**

**MESSAGE** “Do We Really Want to Forget the Past?” Pastor Barb

**SONG** *City Called Heaven* SB #37

#### OFFERTORY

**\*CALYPSO DOXOLOGY** SB #3

#### \*SENDING FORTH

L: May God guide you through the desert places, may Christ lead you into knowing him more deeply, and the Holy Spirit fill you with faith overflowing: that as you share in Christ’s suffering, you will also trust the power of his resurrection.

**SPECIAL SONG** *Fresh Start* Steven Zych

Please remain seated until the music has ended.

*Thank you for worshipping with us.*

Our Mission is:  
"To Make Christ Known"

Our Church serves our community and the world, by realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to all people. Our Church is a place where love is present, hurts are healed, joys and concerns are shared and supported by prayer.

**WE WELCOME YOU!**

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are glad you are here! Please complete the information in our Friendship Book (black folder) located at the end of the pew along the center aisle. Our Worship Services are 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday and 6:00 PM Wednesday Night in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a potluck supper at 5:30 PM.

**CHILD CARE**

Children's Church is celebrated at the 9:00 AM Service. Children from pre-school through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade attend the beginning of Service then leave with Barb Gausman after the Prayers of the People and Time with the Children. Younger and older Children are encouraged to sit in Worship with their family. There are cloth bags in the back of the sanctuary with crayons and activities and also a basket of small toys for your child to use if they remain in the Sanctuary.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Kid's Club, Christian Education for Children, Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, takes place on Wednesday Nights from 6-7 during the school year in Classroom 203. A Pre-school class is also available in the Nursery across the Hall from the Kid's Club Room.

**COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 am worship service and prior to the 10:30 am worship service, for coffee and snacks. This is a great time to greet visitors and connect with your church family.

**HOW TO REACH US**

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To make an appointment with Pastor Barb, call her at 608.931.6804

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Dear Past,  
thank you for  
all the lessons.

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Dear Future,  
I am ready.

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