Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2015

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE "Great is Thy Faithfulness" L. Cornwall, Piano

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Praise You"

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Lamentations 3)

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end; They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #11

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

*SALUTATION

LAW OF GOD Micah 6:8

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

In your great compassion cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Psalm 103:8-13

CONGREGATIONAL SONG OF PRAISE

"Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me (3x) the Bible tells me so."

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "The Cornerstone"

Doug Sonderfan, Tenor

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #250

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19 (Responsive Reading #4; p. 471 hymnal)

*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

*HYMN "I Know Not Why" (insert)

SERMON "How Do We Know God?"

#97 "The Spacious Firmament"

#256 "O Lord of Life"

#240 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Our Response to God

*CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Psalm 19" Choir and Congregation "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

*Antiphon – More to be desired are they than gold, yea than much fine gold, Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

The Statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart. The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.*

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever. The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.*

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord my strength and my redeemer*"

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN #369 "How Firm a Foundation" (first tune)

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE "Let the words of my mouth....."

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeter: Ellie Clark

<u>Ushers</u>: Walt & Lucy Paradies Fellowship: Jane & Jeff DeWitt

Next week's stewards (March 29):

Greeter: Nancy Dey

Ushers: John Ferris & Mike Shafer

Fellowship: Joe & Liz White

EASTER LILIES

Today is the last day to order Easter Lilies to be placed in our sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Please see the enclosed order form.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Just a reminder that this Friday, March 27th, is our church's regularly scheduled day for delivery of meals. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Dey.

FOOD PANTRY

Needed items are as follows: applesauce, fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, beverages, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce & noodles, flour, sugar, baking mixes, personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers & cleaning products. Thanks for your help.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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