



Central Presbyterian Church

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5th Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being Your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in Your loving care and presence with us. We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Call to Worship – From Psalm 51:1-7

L: Have mercy on me, O God, because of Your unfailing love. Because of Your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.

P: **Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.**

L: For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.

P: **Against You, and You alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in Your sight. You will be proved right in what You say, and Your judgement against me is just.**

L: For I was born a sinner—yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

P: **But You desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there.**

L: Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

*Hymn *“Are Ye Able,” Said the Master”* **RED #383**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to You, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in You that the message of peace and mercy You have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to Your healing mercy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen. *(Time of silence for personal reflection)*

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

***Gloria Patri** *“Glory Be to the Father”* **PH #579**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

New Testament Reading Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel Reading/Sermon Reading John 12:20-33

Sermon *“The Time Has Come!”* Pastor Ryan

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith - Good News Confession**
(This is found inside the back cover of the Red Hymnal Book)

***Hymn** *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* **RED #435**

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

PH #591

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn** *“When Peace Like a River Attendeth”* **RED #401**

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Please be seated for the Postlude.

WORSHIP LEADER: Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

GREETER/USHER: Jane Stephenson

LITURGIST: Linda Claussen

PIANIST: Bethany Edgecombe

Rich Ford

Julia Territo

****Please stand, if able***

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Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover

Note: Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon by Nancy Townley—www.ministrymatters.com