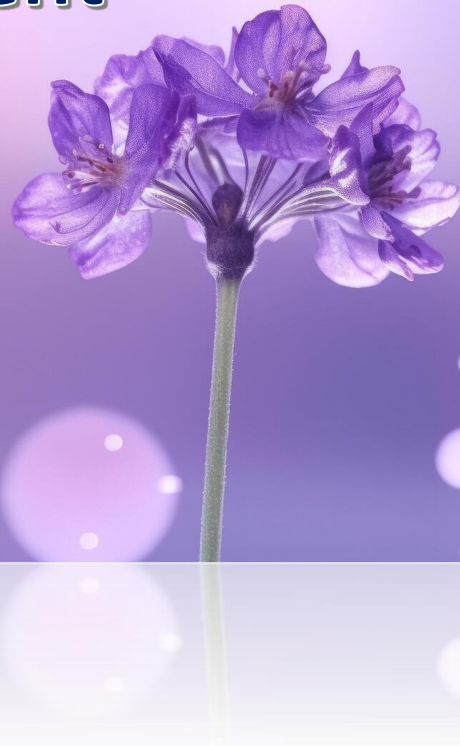


# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

*Welcome*



**April 6, 2025**

*“Jesus is a figure of the present and not simply of the past. He continued to be experienced by his first followers after his death and continues to be experienced to this day. It’s not just that his memory lived on or that his spirit lived on, as we sometimes speak of the spirit of Lincoln living on. Rather, he was and is experienced as a figure of the present. In short, Jesus lives.”*

*--Marcus Borg*

**Prelude #53**

***O God Who Gives Us Life vs. 1***

Evan O'Donovan

**Welcome**

Reverend Ed Hoener

**Call To Worship:**

O God, your mercies are new every morning, and throughout our entire lives. Your Spirit is always with us; helping us to learn the Way of Christ. **This is how we can learn to love, and live, as Jesus' disciples.** We carry Christ's promises everywhere we go, as we seek to further God's mission. **We want to serve God by loving and serving our neighbor; by helping others in need.**

**\*Hymn of Praise #630**

***Fairest Lord Jesus***

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Prayer of Reconciliation :**

O God, Your love and grace are freely given. When we lose our way, we are met with love and grace to resume our lives with You. Forgive, and restore our souls. Help us to live in the center of Your will. Amen.

*Silent Prayers*

**Assurance of Grace:**

The Spirit creates space within us for new, spiritual life, and enlarges our capacity for obedience. **God fills our hearts with love, and grace, for a life of discipleship.**

**\*Response of Praise #814**

***In God Alone***

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:**

The risen Christ has promised a peace like no other. **It is a peace which upholds and strengthens our souls!** Peace be with you! **And also with you!**

**Ministry of Music #509**

***All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly***

Evan O'Donovan

**Scripture Reading**

*Luke 7:36-50*

**Message**

Pastor Ed

**\*Hymn of Faith #773**

***Heaven Shall Not Wait***

**Celebrating Passion Enterprises**

*Hearing about what God has done in each other's lives is a source of encouragement, and affirms the reality of faith, and prayer and grace. Please come to the lectern and share your testimony so that everyone may see and hear.*

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

*\*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.*



## **Announcements**

**Thank you to Princeton Nwosu & Susan Krivenko for running the projector & camera!**  
*Join our Worship Support Team! For more information; ask the pastor or the technicians or call the church office.*



Next Town Hall meeting will be on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Next Manse Fireside Chat @ 7 pm is in April on Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup>.



*Online Donations*

### ***PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK***

Joan Cubino

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Mary R., Carole H., Alyne's family, Jane B., Carlos Browne & family, Mary Ann R., Pat & family, Lauris & Cindy, Michele P., Barbara O. & family, Major A. & family, LJ & Corinne, Helen, Logan, Harper, Helene & Diane, Dorothy R., Amy, Avril Muller & family, Savannah B.

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Carol Ann Bregman  
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10:30 A.M.  
Pastor  
Worship Leader  
Administrator  
Music Director