

03/21/2021
Sunday: Lent 5, Year B

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

O God, who fashioned the covenant and sealed it with the promise of life everlasting, we praise you for mercies that are boundless and sure. Your ways are just, your grace is unending. You have sent us the Christ in whom lies your promise that all things will be made new. We come before your throne of grace with the assurance that you will meet us as we call on your name. Hear us now as we give our oblations and be pleased with our efforts, as we respond to Christ's call. Amen.

HYMN: Spirit, Open My Heart (692)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear of your promise amid our own sense of self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called on to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 31:31-34

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: Living the Law

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: I, the Lord of Seas and Skies (69)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from *Second Helvetic Confession*, 5.080-5.082)

We teach that the will of God is explained for us in the law of God, what he wills or does not will us to do, what is good and just, or what is evil and unjust. Therefore, we confess that the law is good and holy. And this law was at one time written in the hearts of men by the finger of God . . . We believe that the whole will of God and all necessary precepts for every sphere of life are taught in this law. For otherwise the Lord would not have forbidden us to add or to take away anything from this law; neither would he have commanded us to walk in a straight path before this law, and not to turn aside from it by turning to the right or to the left.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

HYMN: Abide with Me (836)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

POSTLUDE