

April 3, 2022

## Lent Five

### Welcome

**Gathering Hymn: MV 176 Three Things I Promise  
(vs 1-2-3)**

### Candle

**God of wilderness wanderings, when we are lost or feel alone, when we lose hope and our faith falters, you are there ready to guide and inspire us. As we follow Jesus' footsteps on our Lenten journey may we be open to your comforting and yet challenging presence among us. May we walk in light together with unity of heart and purpose as people of faith, hope and courage. Amen**

**Call to Worship** (based on Isaiah 43:16-21 & Psalm 126)

Creator, in the middle of our busy lives, you call us to worship. **Our brings your us back to your loving ways.** You made a path in the sea and brought your people away from captivity in Egypt. You made a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. **Creator God gives us nourishment for our journey and has done treat things for us. Come, let us worship God!**

*\*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (MV 85)*

**Opening Prayer** (based on John 12: 1-8)

**Holy One, you overwhelm us with your generosity. Like Jesus returning to be with his good friends, day after day you return to our presence with comfort and love. In worship, we seek to honor you; to cherish your presence in our lives. May the fragrances, the colors, the sounds, and the gathering of your people express our deep devotion. In our worship, may you encounter our humble thanksgiving. Amen.**

**Hymn: VU 671 I Need Thee Every Hour**

### Prayers for Grace & Transformation/ Words of Assurance

**God's love is extravagant and will never end. God is with us, among us, receiving our love, embracing us in forgiveness. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### The Peace

#### Scripture

#### Prayer for Illumination

First Testament: Isaiah 43 : 16-21

Psalm 126 VU page 850

Gospel **John 12 : 1-8**

*\***Confitemini Domino...** Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia. (MV 16)*

#### Reflection

#### **Extravagant Love**

**Hymn: VU 601 The Church of Christ in Every Age**  
(tune VU 558)

**Invitation to the offering/Doxology (VU 541)**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Prayers of Hope/Lord's Prayer**

*\*The answer, my friend, is Blowin' In The Wind, the answer is Blowin' In The Wind*

**Benediction/Commissioning**

**Closing Hymn: MV 176 Three Things I Promise  
(vs 4-5-6)**

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*3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.*  
*John 12: 3*