

Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30AM, April 6th, 2025

Asterisk (*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

PRELUDE "Sweet Hour of Prayer" UMH # 496

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive

We come to worship, remembering God's goodness that has carried us and sustained us to this present moment.

We remember the days when God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

We come to worship, weary from stress, heavy with grief, and wondering when relief will come.

We long for the days God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

We come to worship to remember and remind one another that God's love has never left us, and God's joy cannot be extinguished.

God, restore us that we know your love and your joy once again.

We come to worship to remember and become the Body of Christ, a community called to restore the world around us.

God, empower us to be your restoration people who fill the world with love, laughter, and abundant life. Amen.

*HYMN "O Come and Dwell in Me" UMH # 388

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed UMH # 881

OPENING PRAYER Unison

Come to this sanctuary, this house, this home, Holy Christ, and let us receive you with a lavish welcome. You are the Restorer of our fortunes, the Promise of new life—we pour out our praise to you. Fill this room with your Spirit: the sound of wind, the warmth of flame, the scent of perfume. Fill our hearts with your compassion, not just in this time and place, but in all times and in all places, so that as we celebrate the great things you have done for us, we may also embody the love you give to all. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Unison

Like Judas, God of new things, we like to complain about your generous ways, rather than living in your grace. The poor are always with us, we believe, which justifies our ignoring them. In our memories, we focus on a perceived golden past, and so we ignore the new things you do in our midst. We are so enamored with our achievements that we are not willing to throw them away in order to follow Jesus. Forgive us, Restoring God, and help us to notice the kingdom springing forth in our midst. By your grace, may our fears turn to faith, our seeds of grief produce a bumper crop of joy, and our tears turn into torrents of tenderness as we journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to Jerusalem. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Making a way through all the foolishness and mistakes of our lives, God leads us into new life, where we are restored to grace, to hope, and to peace. **Do we notice what God has done for us, what God is doing in us? This is good news for everyone. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 126:1-6 (NRSV)

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."
- 3 The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
- 4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.
- 5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
- 6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

MESSAGE

"Extravagant Love and Dedication"

Rev. Dongkue Jee

* HYMN “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross” **UMH # 298**

INVITATION
COMMUNION

UMH # 13
(Communion Setting TFWS #2257-a -#2257-d)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** **UMH # 95**

*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

Loving God, source of all joy, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude. As Mary poured out her love for Jesus with costly perfume, so we pour out our gifts before you, seeking to honor you with all that we have. During this reflective Lenten period, may our offerings remind us of the abundance you've poured into our lives. Help us to give extravagantly, not out of duty, but from hearts filled with joy and gratitude. Bless these gifts and use them to bring your hope to the world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN	"My Hope is Built"	UMH # 368
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***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Jesus Paid It All”



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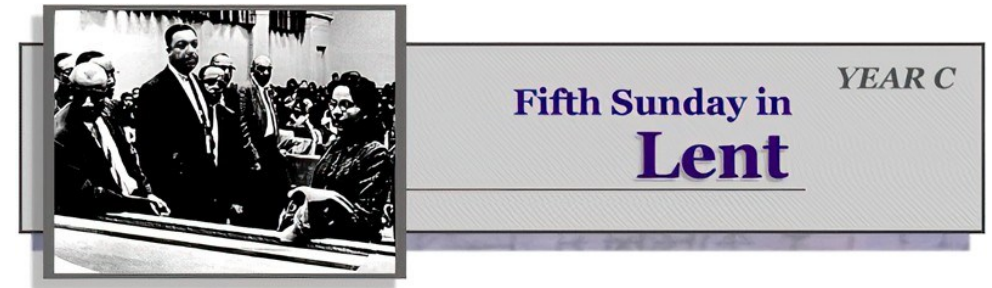
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* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.