

**Welcome to Church of Christ**  
**April 6, 2025 ~ Fifth Sunday in Lent & Communion**  
*We are honored to worship God with you today!*

**Prelude**      *Adoramus te* - G. P. da Palestrina  
*(We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. For by your holy cross  
and passion you have redeemed the world. O Lord, have mercy on us.)*

**Call to Worship** (from Ps. 126, The Message)      ~Joel Nelson

Leader: It seemed like a dream, too good to be true, when God returned Zion's exiles.

**All: We laughed, we sang, we couldn't believe our good fortune.**

Leader: We were the talk of the nations - "God was wonderful to them!"

**All: God was wonderful to us; we are one happy people.**

Leader: And now, God, do it again—bring rains to our drought-stricken lives so those who planted their crops in despair will shout "Yes!" at the harvest,

**All: So those who went off with heavy hearts will come home laughing, with armloads of blessing.**

**Silent Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (trespasses/debts)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses (debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (our debtors). And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Hymn 346**      *O Come to Me, the Master Said*      *(Worship and Rejoice)*

Vs 1 O come to me, the Master said, my Father knows your need; and I shall be, the Master said, your bread of life indeed. By faith in him we live and grow and share the broken bread, and all his love and goodness know, for so the Master said.

Vs 2 Abide in me, the Master said, the true and living vine; my life shall be, the Master said, poured out for you as wine. His body to the cross he gave, his blood he freely shed, who came in love to seek and save, for so the Master said.

Vs 3 Believe in me, the Master said, for I have called you friends, and yours shall be, the Master said, the life that never ends. And so, with sin and sorrow past, when death itself is dead, the Lord shall raise us up at last, for so the Master said.

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*All are welcome to partake. Grape juice, not wine, is served.*

**Invitation**

**Consecration and Service**

**Prayer of Gratitude** (unison) – Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace. Amen

**Scripture** Luke 19:1-10

~Joel Nelson

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

**Sermon** "Guess Who's Visiting the Sinner?"

*Lenten Question: What does mercy feel like?*

**Light of Service** IREJN

~Nels White

We have a chance to offer financial gifts in support of Spirit-led work. Undesignated gifts go to the recipient named above. Please use the white envelopes in the pews to designate giving otherwise. There is no obligation, and we always welcome prayers for our LOS recipients. Thank you!

**Offertory** *Go Ye Into All the World* - E. Butler

**Doxology** (two versions are offered) Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen. OR: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Sharing Joys and Church Life Updates**

**Sharing Prayer Concerns**

**Silent Prayer and Meditation**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn 261** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*(Worship and Rejoice)*

Vs 1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Vs. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

Vs. 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Vs 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

### **Our Common Commission**

Let us go forth into the world in peace, being of good courage, holding fast to that which is good, rendering to no one evil for evil, strengthening the faint-hearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all persons, loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Benediction**

**Postlude**     *All Glory Be to God on High* - A. Vetter  
Please remain seated to listen or depart quietly.

Note for the bulletin: TODAY, following worship, the Book Lite group is welcoming Mike Sconyers to talk about his time as a Marine medical helicopter pilot during the Vietnam War. This is an extension to last month's discussion of *The Women*, by Kristin Hannah. Anyone is welcome to join us, whether or not you have read the book.

**We gladly list these prayer concerns** and ask you to keep us apprised of any updates so that we have the most current information. If you would like a pastoral visit please call or email Pastor Erick (860-303-0910, [reverendole@gmail.com](mailto:reverendole@gmail.com)).

Members needing our prayers: Patty Cammilletti; Steven, Tina & Aaliyah Chausse; Peter Coffeen; Linda Creedon; Bonnie Greenwood; Holly Kelsey; Will Kelsey; Arlene Patten; Dan Patten; Cindy Sinclair; John Thew

Ongoing concerns for our relatives and friends: Annattie P.; Eric; Jo; Kelly; Donna Aakjar (Nancy Perry's sister); Andrew Anderson (Ruth Adotte); Jay Atkinson; Andrea Blacklow (Kristin Mudge's friend); Marcia Brenizer (Jen Pfaltz's mother); Denis Combes (Jason Combes' father); Nancy Foster; John Funchion; Fran and Arnold Gellman (Tina Olsen's aunt and uncle); Judy Green; Dennis Carr Hannifin (Sally Carr's son); Olivia Howard (Ky Byrne's cousin); Jim Korner (Liz Wilbur's brother); Bethany Lee; Lynne Martin (Ruth Adotte); Rick Martin (Ruth Adotte); Jackie

Nocotera; Bill Patrick (Lyn's husband) and family; Rev. Kenric and Debby Prescott; Constance Rotondo (Jane Williams); Desi Smith (Bonnie Greenwood); Ryan Sterba; Rob Thew; Sue Ellen Thomas (Pastor Erick's sister); Dennis Watlington (Tim Hitchcock); Judi Welch

Those who are grieving the families of: Donna Aakjar; Robert Battis; Bonnie Ferrell; Stephen Getz; George Green; Jackie Hamad; Pat Harms; Serena Livingston; John Marinelli; Don Martin; Will Martin; Will Minton; Avery Nelson; Sue Pratt; Mary Sager

In the wider community: Leigh Cappabianca (missionary in Turkey); Laura Smith (missionary in Venezuela); The people of Haiti, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine - and all enduring ongoing violence; the people of Syria, particularly the Christian community.