

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

10:00 a.m.

## The Approach to God

PRELUDE                      O For a Heart to Praise My God                      Noel Rawsthorne

WELCOME

VOTUM

\*CALL TO WORSHIP                      *(responsively)*

O God, you are good!

**Your love endures forever.**

You gather us together!

**We are your people!**

Draw us together in love.

**Fill us with your spirit.**

Open our mouths that our mouths may declare your praise!

**Praise the Lord!**

SALUTATION

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION    134    Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights

(vs. 1-4)

Tune: TALLIS CANON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.    **And also with you.**

(The congregation may exchange the Peace.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION    from Psalm 51:1-12                      *(responsively)*

Have mercy on me, O God,

    according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy,

    blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

    and cleanse me from my sin.

**For I know my transgressions,**

**and my sin is ever before me.**

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned**

**and done what is evil in your sight,**

**so that you are justified in your sentence**

**and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Indeed, I was born guilty,

    a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**You desire truth in the inward being;**

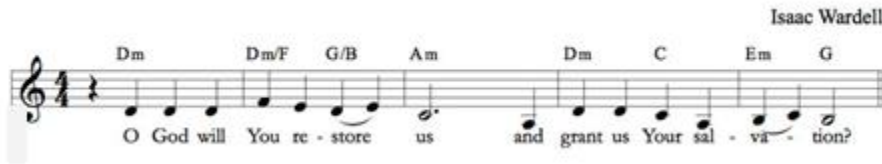
**therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

    wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;  
 let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
 Hide your face from my sins,  
 and blot out all my iniquities.  
 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
 and put a new and right spirit within me.  
 Do not cast me away from your presence,  
 and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
 and sustain in me a willing spirit.

\*HYMN O God, Will You Restore Us



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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHILDREN'S TIME

## The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON: John 12:20-33

p. 106

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "Images of Love: Priorities"

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

## The Response to God

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY Lead Gently, Lord

Clif Cason

Lead gently, Lord, and slow, for oh, my steps are weak,  
 and ever as I go, some soothing sentence speak;  
 that I may turn my face through doubts obscurity  
 towards thine abiding place, even tho' I cannot see.

For lo, the way is dark; through mist and cloud I grope,  
 save for that fitful spark, the little flame of hope.

Lead gently, Lord, and slow, for fear that I may fall,

I know not where to go, unless I hear Thy call.  
My fainting soul doth yearn, for Thy green hills afar  
so let Thy mercy burn, my greater guiding star!  
—Paul Laurence Dunbar

\*DOXOLOGY

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive 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 OF DEDICATION      863      Take My Life and Let It Be  
(vs. 1, 2, 5 & 6)  
Tune: HENDON

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      Passion Chorale                      Rebecca Groom te Velde

\*You may stand.

*Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes, preaching; Rev. Janelle Lopez-Koolbaas, liturgist;  
Kamerkoor; Linda Strouf, Minister of Music.*

## Today

We welcome all who worship with us! We invite you sign in on the fellowship pads in the pew or you may follow this QR code to sign in. We would appreciate it if you took a moment to sign in you and your family members and let us know you were here. **If you are joining us as a guest today**, please follow this QR code, or head to [trcholland.org/quickstart](http://trcholland.org/quickstart) to let us know you were here.



The flowers in the Gathering Place are given in memory of Steve Van Grouw.

ASSISTING TODAY: Deacons/Ushers: Laura McMullen, Bethany Bulthuis, Roger DeYoung

IF YOU DESIRE PRAYER for yourself and/or others Jane Dalman will be available to pray with you following today's worship service. Please make your way to the Place of Prayer located in the south hallway on the main level.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP: Our Children and Worship Program for children aged 4 through the 2nd grade continues today during the 10:00 service. Our Worship Center program takes place in Room 2. (Downstairs: Take the Northwest staircase down to the lower level. The room is the first door to your right.)

EDUCATION HOUR, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Preschool-First Grade room 2      Second-Fifth Grade      room 1  
6th-8th grades      room 11      Senior High      Youth Room

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, 11:15-12:15

“God’s Faithfulness and Providence Over the Years” led by Harold Gazan meets in the chapel.

Next week: “Christian Thinking about Poverty, Inequality, and the Welfare State” led by Steve McMullen.

**EL ENCUENTRO (EN ESPAÑOL):** Les invitamos a las 11:30 a.m. a reunirnos en la presencia del Señor, escuchar su Palabra y orar juntos. Favor de invitar a sus familiares y vecinos-- ¡Todos son bienvenidos! Nos reuniremos en **Fellowship Hall**. (gimnasio). ¡Nos vemos!

*[Translation] **EL ENCUENTRO (SPANISH GATHERING)** We invite you to join us at 11:30 a.m. to spend time in the presence of God through his Word, and to pray together. Feel free to invite your family and friends-- everyone is welcome! We meet in the **Fellowship Hall**. See you! English translation via headset is available.*

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday

8:45 a.m.      Kamerkoor  
11:15 a.m.      Education Hour  
11:15 a.m.      Carillon Choir  
11:30 a.m.      Spanish Worship Gathering  
6:30 p.m.      Lenten Bible Study (in person & zoom)  
6:30 p.m.      High School Youth Group

### Monday

1:00 p.m.      Watercolor Class  
7:00 p.m.      Martha Bible Study

### Tuesday

10:30 a.m.      Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m.      Book Discussion & Dinner  
6:00 p.m.      Special Education Ministry  
7:15 p.m.      Consistory

### Wednesday

6:15 a.m.      Men’s Bible Study  
8:30 a.m.      Wednesday Morning Prayers (zoom)  
9:00 a.m.      Women’s Bible Study (zoom)  
5:30 p.m.      LIFT Dinner  
6:15 p.m.      LIFT Classes  
6:15 p.m.      Middle School Youth Group  
6:30 p.m.      Lenten Bible Study

### Thursday

8:00 a.m.      Sunrise Saints

### Friday

6:30 a.m.      High School Bible Study

### Saturday

9:30 a.m.      El Encuentro Music Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m.      Curso de Discipulado en Español (Discipleship Class)

## Congregational News

*Please remember in prayer those in the hospital and in care facilities.*

Please remember to have someone notify the church office when you are in the hospital so you can receive spiritual care by the pastoral staff. Call 392-1459.

SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of Martin Keller who died on March 12.

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT: In need of prayer: Marcia Callicot, Nathan Klay. Hospice-Margaret Doorenbos, Charlotte Garlough, Mary Heideman, Tom Norman, Dennis Gebben. Home-Bill Charlton, Barb Mummert; Out of Town-Lucille Schroeder, Ellen Rieck, LaVerne Lievense; Quincy Place-Bob & Elle Kuiper. Missionaries-Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan), Angel Lopez (Mexico).

FLOWERING THE CROSS: We invite each family to bring a long stem flower, on Easter Sunday morning, symbolizing loved ones who have died or a person who has touched our Christian faith. The flowers will be put on a wooden cross during both morning services. The cross will be processed at the beginning of the 10:00 a.m. worship service so be sure to arrive early to have your flower included.

DISHES NEEDED FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL: Please sign up by following this link <https://tinyurl.com/2ay8rwda> or calling the church office, to bring either Soup, Salad, or Bread for our Maundy Thursday meal on Thursday, March 28, at 5:30 p.m.

OUTREACH OFFERINGS: The Maundy Thursday offering will go to Church World Service to aid refugees in both Gaza and Ukraine. The Easter offering will help support Lighthouse Immigration legal aid.

### ORDER EASTER LILIES

**Sunday, March 24 is the last day to order lilies.**

**Place your order in the offering plate or bring to the church office.**

No. of plants \_\_\_\_\_ \$8.25 each Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Each person is responsible for picking up their own lily, taking it with them and/or delivering it to a shut-in.

## Holy Week Schedule

We have a full Holy Week schedule coming up.

March 24, 2024, at 10:00 AM Palm Sunday Worship in the sanctuary.

March 24, 2024, at 11:30 AM El Encuentro Worship in the Fellowship Hall

March 28, 2024, at 5:30 PM Maundy Thursday All-Church dinner of soup and salad followed by a worship service in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM.

March 29, 2024, at 12:10 PM Good Friday Ecumenical

Worship service in the sanctuary.

March 31, 2024, at 10:00 AM Easter Sunday Worship in the sanctuary.

March 31, 2024 at 11:30 AM El Encuentro Worship in the Fellowship Hall

**No Sunday School or Adult Education on this day.**

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