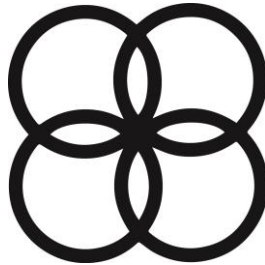


**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 22, 2015**



**Worship – 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.**

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PRELUDE

Karen Hostetler, Accompanist

WELCOME

Richard Tatro, Worship Leader

PRAYER\*\*

L: Holy One,  
Dwell within us;  
Whisper in our ears;  
Glimmer in our vision;  
Write upon our hearts.

C: **We wait**  
**with ears, eyes, heart open.**  
**Amen.**

\*HYMN #90

*For the fruit of all creation*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Mike Horner

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
John 12:20-33

SILENT AND SPOKEN MEDITATION ON SCRIPTURE\*\*\*

Seeker: God, you have shown us wondrous things. You brought your people out of captivity and provided for them over and over again but today we seem so far from you. We want to feel your presence. Can you still reach us?

Reader: The Lord sought to make a new covenant with the people; a covenant so strong that it would be part of their very being. It would be a covenant written on their hearts. Everyone could know the Lord from the most powerful to the least.

**Cong: The encircling love of God has no beginning or end; neither start nor finish. It is as deep as the need.**

Seeker: God, you said that you, yourself would live among us and that the death of your Son would fulfill the covenant. Why would you make that sacrifice? Why would his suffering be a part of our redemption? This is both hard to accept and to understand.

Reader: And the Lord said, I will forgive their iniquity and I will remember their sin no more.

**Cong: The encircling love of God has no beginning or end; neither start nor finish. It is as deep as the need.**

Seeker: God, your Son will soon enter Jerusalem to proclaim the Kingdom of God. How are we to greet him? How should we welcome him? Will he be all that we expect? We want to believe in someone!

Reader: The Lord said, it is not enough to believe only, true believers will follow the Lord. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Lord will honor. The time is coming when the seed must be planted in order to grow anew.

**Cong: The encircling love of God has no beginning or end; neither start nor finish. It is as deep as the need.**

ANTHEM

*Unless a grain of wheat*  
For text see *Sing the Story #56*

Powell

SERMON

*Dying to live*

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

INTRODUCTIONS

*We are glad you are here. Once the attendance register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.*

SHARING JOY

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

*Slips of paper are available in the attendance register for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl at the front of the sanctuary.*

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN # 644

*When morning gilds the skies*



*Children in K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond, ask questions and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.*

\*SENDING FORTH

L: Go in love,

**C: for love alone endures.**

L: Go in peace,

**C: for it is the gift of God.**

L: Go in safety,

**All: for we cannot go where God is not. Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "STS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* songbook.

Worship notes:

\*\*Adapted from a prayer written by Joanna Harader

\*\*\*Special thanks to Lonnie Buerge for preparing the meditation on scripture.

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now? What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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