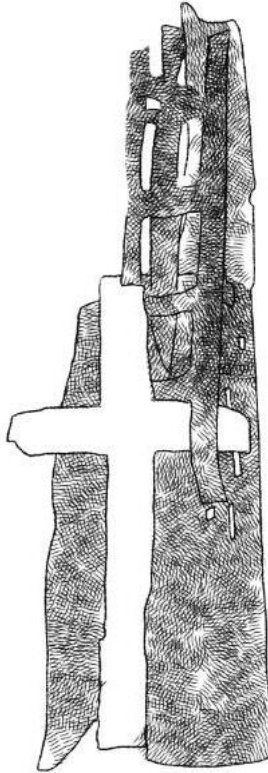


FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 13, 2016



Lent—
The path followed.
The cross considered.
The markers on our way.
The markers left behind.
The heavy stones carried.
The ones we lay down.**

Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:50 a.m.

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, Accompanist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Jan Buerge, Worship Leader

Inspired by Psalm 126

L: God of all who thirst, call us to your live-giving well.

C: **Fill our lives with your grace. Let your love overflow in our hearts, making us fully alive. Amen.**

*HYMN #89

For the beauty of the earth

CHILDREN'S TIME

Ruth Harder

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:16-21 and Philippians 3:4b-14

Jacob Kaufman

HYMN

There is more love somewhere

There is more love _____ some - where. _____ There is more love
6 _____ some - where. _____ I'm gon-na keep on _____ 'til I
11 find it. _____ There is more love _____ some - where. _____

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LENTEN REFLECTIONS: WHY (WHY NOT) CHRISTIAN?

Terri Gaeddert

Sung response: *There is more love somewhere*

Kenn Goertz

Sung response

Richard VanDyke

ANTHEM

What wondrous love is this

arr. J. Harold Moyer

(Please reserve expressions of appreciation for Community Building time)

COMMUNITY BUILDING TIME

SILENT REFLECTION

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

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 back of Wesley Room (east side of sanctuary).

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN STS #57

Go, my friends, in grace



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

*SENDING FORTH INSPIRED BY ISAIAH 43

L1: One day the wilderness will blossom with flowers;
and the desert wasteland will come alive with new growth.
And God's glory and splendor will be on full display.

L2: Be strong, and do not fear. Go with confidence in the days ahead.
And may the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit, be among and within us.

All: 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* hymnal.

**The words on the front of the bulletin were provided by the Rainbow Visual Arts Committee to go along with the visual displays at the front of the Sanctuary and back of Wesley Room. The metal cross sculpture was a project completed by Arlie Regier and his youth Sunday school class in the 1980s.

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