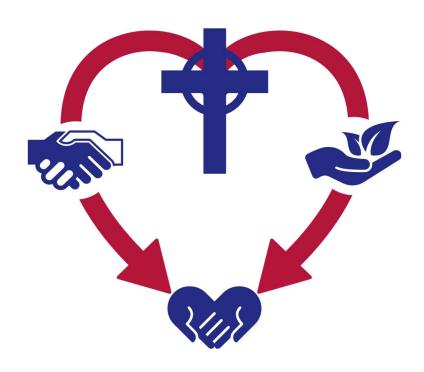
# We are imperfect believers, passionate about sharing the love of Christ:

by Connecting, Growing, and Serving.



## A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day Fifth Sunday in Lent Remembrance of Baptism April 6, 2025

Welcome! If you are visiting, please use the QR code on the visitor card found in the pew rack to share your information online or fill out the back of the card and drop it in the offering plate. Prayer cards, with the same options, are also available and we invite you to share your concerns and allow us to pray with you.



## We Gather to Worship God

\*Congregation stands as noted

Chiming of the Hour

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Introit

#### Call to Worship

Leader: See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

#### People: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!

Leader: He will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spit upon.

#### People: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!

Leader: After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.

People: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Amen.

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn #806

"I'll Praise My Maker"

## We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek Reconciliation with God

Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - "Confession" Words/Music by Kenneth Jones (front cover of hymnal)

Lord, I come before you, asking your forgiveness. I am broken, I have faltered. I have turned from you.

Create in me a new heart. Fill me with your love. Grant that I receive your grace, I pray.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

#### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. You have spoken through the prophets about your anointed one, and the Kin-dom that you are building; but we understand little. We try to ignore those who are hurting, and silence those who are crying out for mercy. We exclude others for not fitting our expectations, asking them to overcome our shortsightedness. We are quick to judge others for the sins we think they have committed, and slow to receive them as siblings. Jesus, Son of Man, have mercy on us. Welcome us into the glory of your Kin-dom, which is refreshingly different from the kingdoms of men. Amen.

#### Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Today salvation has come to this place, because we too are children of Abraham. Hear the good news, the Son of Man came to seek out and save the lost!

People: Thanks be to God!

#### \*Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#647; no repeats)

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give Thanks! Give Thanks!

#### \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

\*Transition Hymn #59

"The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

## We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life

Offering Our Lives to Jesus through Our Time, Gifts, and Resources (see the 'Giving' card in the pew rack for information about options for digital giving)

\*Doxology (#606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

#### Time for Young Disciples

(Children are dismissed at this time for Children's Church and Bible Builds)

Special Music

"What Language Shall I Borrow?"

Marty Parks

**Chancel Choir** 

Luke 18:31-19:10

### Scripture Reading

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. AJ Ochart

"The Approaching Kin-dom"

## Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn of Preparation for Baptism #490

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

Remembrance of Baptism

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom 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 kin(g)dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Sending Out Into the World

\*Sending Hymn #726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction "Love Will Be Our Lenten Calling" sung to the PICARDY tune ("Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"), words by Elizabeth Smith

Peace will be our Lenten living as we turn for home again, longing for the words of pardon, stripping off old grief and pain, till we stand, restored and joyful, with the Church on Easter day.

\*Postlude

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you were blessed so you can go and be a witness to Christ's love in the world. May your spirits be renewed for the days ahead.



Rev. AJ Ochart, Pastor Kenneth Jones, Director of Music Sandee Cribbs, Lay Leader

