



# Fifth Sunday in Lent

## March 21, 2021

### Trinity Presbyterian Church, Topeka, KS

Pre-Service Music

“Change My Heart, Oh God”  
Eddie Espinosa  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

#### GATHERING

*We gather as the Body of Christ to encounter God in worship.*

Prelude

“Were You There”  
arr. Jerry Ray  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

#### CENTERING WORDS

*We are changing. You are changing. God is already at work in you, renewing your spirit. Anticipate the new thing that God is doing. Can you feel it?*

Welcome and Announcements

Craig Neuenswander

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

Unison

**Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus,  
you lift the suffering world toward hope  
and transformation  
and open the way to eternal salvation.  
As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ,**

**may your law of love be written on our hearts  
as he draws all people to himself revealing  
your love for the world. Amen.**

Musical Interlude

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”  
Gilbert M. Martin  
Brad Stipcak, Organ

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Congregation

**God of steadfast love and mercy, we have shielded our eyes from the evil and injustice in the world. We have turned away from your forgiveness and your compassion, and from your wisdom and your guidance. We have allowed our voices to be silent. Cleanse us. Purify us. Remind us that we still have much to learn, and that you continue to teach us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that our faith in you might be renewed. In humble confidence, we pray. Amen.**

*(time for silent prayer)*

Assurance of Forgiveness

**Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD

*The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation  
is the center of worship.*

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the Lord. No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my Instructions within

them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. They will no longer need to teach each other to say, “Know the Lord!” because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.

*People: **Thanks be to God.***

## Second Lesson

John 12:20-33

Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

Jesus replied, “The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me.

“Now *I am deeply troubled*. What should I say? ‘Father, save me from this time’? No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

The crowd standing there heard and said, “It’s thunder.” Others said, “An angel spoke to him.”

Jesus replied, “This voice wasn’t for my benefit but for yours. Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world’s ruler will be thrown out. When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me.” (He said this to show how he was going to die.)

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering  
ourselves and our substance.*

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

One Great Hour of Sharing Video

Doxology

Congregation

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God whom we adore.  
Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication and 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.**

SENDING FORTH

*Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.*

Hymn

"Just as I Am without One Plea"

**1 Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou biddest me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

**2 Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

**3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

**4 Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response

**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.**

(Repeat)

\*Postlude

**"The Servant Song"**  
Richard Gillard  
Jaron Marcus, Piano

Participating in Worship Leadership:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Presider

Craig Neuenswander, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, Dir. Of Music, Organ

Jaron Marcus, Piano

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