

Sunday, March 21st, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Have mercy on your people, O God.

All: Wash us. Cleanse us. Make us more perfect in your love.

One: Open the skies and pour down your grace upon your people.

All: Open our hearts to hear your voice. Let the thunder of your presence awaken us!

One: Have mercy on your people, O God.

All: Restore within us the joy of our salvation. Draw us nearer to Jesus, our Christ!

Hymn: **VU# 822** “All People That On Earth Do Dwell”

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prayer of Approach (said together)

God of love and mercy, open our hearts to your presence as we worship you today. Whether our prayers are filled with celebration or with loud cries and tears, remind us that you are the source of our eternal salvation.

Give us the strength to respond faithfully to your transforming love, that the joy of your salvation might shine in and through us all. Wipe away our wrongdoing, clean our hearts and make us more perfect.

For it is in your perfect love that we are drawn more fully into your image. In the name of the glorified Christ, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Gospel Reading: John 12: 20-33

Hymn **VU# 341** “Fairest Lord Jesus”

The Lord’s Prayer

Good News Time

Prayer of Confession

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.

(A time of quiet reflection on the prayer we have just shared)

Assurance of Pardon

One: In the grace of God, through the love of Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit,

All: we are saved from brokenness and sin and are restored to the joy of God's salvation. Amen.

Anthem: The Mullett Family – “*Even If...*”

Sermon: Meet and Greet

Hymn: **VU# 642** “Be Thou My Vision”

The Offering

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

Prayers of the People

Hymn **VU# 660** “How Firm A Foundation”

The Blessing and Benediction

Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above!
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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Postlude: Fountainview Academy – “Go Light Your World”