

March 21, 2021
The Fifth Sunday of Lent



Our altar flowers today are given by Andrew Smith and Joseph Tate to the glory of God and in memory of Linda Sue Smith.

GATHERING

"God of our honest prayers and more honest silences, open our eyes to see and our ears to hear and our hearts to understand how you are already here with us."
~ Sarah Bessey

Glorify your name, our merciful Savior. Draw us again to you, as you are lifted up before us.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have mercy on your people, O God.

Wash us. Cleanse us. Urge us to accept your love and to share your love.

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

Open our hearts to hear your voice; and let the thunder of your presence awaken us.

Have mercy on your people, O God.

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

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

PRAYER

The love and mercy of our Savior be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray:

God of mercy and glory, open our hearts to your presence. Whether our prayers are filled with celebration or with loud cries and tears, remind us that you are the source of our eternal salvation. Grant us the strength to respond in faith to your love. Shine the light of your grace and compassion in us and through us. Wipe away our mistakes and mend our broken spirits that we might be made perfect in your loving-kindness. May all the words we speak and the actions we engage give glory to you, eternal Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RED STEPS

ANTHEM

8:30am - Cassie Segal

The Cross of Jesus by Francis Patrick O'Brien

*Come, O God, renew Your people, we who long to see
Your face. Strengthen hearts that have grown feeble, fill
our lives with truth and grace. Only You can win our
freedom; only You can bring us peace. Only in the cross
of Jesus will the captives find release.*

*Deep within create a new heart; melt away the winter
chill. Help us now to make a new start, help us now to
know Your will. Washed in waters of forgiveness,
cleansed in waters of new birth, Lead us to the cross of
Jesus, bringing life to all the earth.*

*In the darkness that surrounds us, we have lost You from
our sight. Even though Your love has found us, we
embrace the powers of night. Scatter now our deepest
darkness, guide our hearts into the light. Join us to the
cross of Jesus, help us set our living right.*

*Call us forth to walk in justice, rescue us from sin and
grave. Through the power of Your Spirit breathe in us the
breath that saves. Strengthen us in our communion, one
in Word and cup and bread. Here within the cross of
Jesus, all who hunger will be fed.*

11:30am - Leonard

In the Time of Trouble by Reichardt/Fredrickson

*In the time of trouble, turn to God in prayer;
When the darkness gathers, trust his constant care.
Though the storm alarm you, God will bid it cease;
They that trust his mercy shall abide in peace.*

*In the time of trouble, I shall feel no fear,
Humbly praying, knowing God is ever near.
When I seek his wisdom, turn from every fear,
I shall hear the message: "I am ever near."*

SCRIPTURE - John 12:20-33

DEVOTIONAL
"Attraction"

INVITATION

HYMN
Are We Yet Alive

BENEDICTION
Go in Peace,
**Stand firm in your faith. Be Strong. Be Brave. Let everything you do,
be done in love.**

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