

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

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## Worship Participants

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## Psalm 126:1-3

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

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## God Gathers Us

Welcome

Call to Worship: Isaiah 43:16-21 & Psalm 126 p.1127, 967

\*Song: "When God First Brought Us Back" LUYH 55

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "I Stand Amazed" LUYH 174

## God Renews Us

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,  
who brought your people out of the wilderness,  
who brought us out of our own wilderness,  
we confess that too often we do not recognize  
the work you have done in our lives.  
We fail to see the streams in the desert,  
the ways you have provided for us.

**Forgive us for not seeing and open our eyes.**

You have called us;  
you have said "do not be afraid,"  
but still we fail to trust you.  
We think we need to care for ourselves,  
to be self-reliant,  
so when you ask us to give of our time,  
we think we don't have any to give  
and we ignore your call.  
We don't trust that you will provide.

**Forgive us for being afraid,  
and open our eyes to see your presence with us.**

When you call us to care for others, even in small ways—  
too often we excuse ourselves,  
and so miss the opportunity to be your presence in their lives,  
or see you in them.

**Forgive us for not caring,  
and open our eyes so we may see you in others.  
Amen.**

## God Sends Us Out to Serve

\*Benediction

May the God of love, who showed us love,  
strengthen us in our love for others.  
May Christ, who shared his life,  
grant us grace that we might share ours.  
And may the Holy Spirit dwelling in us  
empower us to be Christ's ambassadors  
wherever we go and to whomever we meet.

**Amen.**

\*Closing Song: "Take Us as We Are, O God" LUYH 862:3,4

You want to nourish us with the blood and body of Jesus,

**and so we come to the table of plenty.**

You will provide all that we need.

**here at the table of plenty.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Song: "Trisagion"

***Holy God, holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
have mercy, have mercy on us.***

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The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Memorial Acclamation

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Dying he destroyed our death.**

**Rising he restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the 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.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Invitation

*We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. You may partake at the table or take it back to your seats to partake there.*

*Gluten-free bread is available on the table.*

Communion Songs: "Lift Up Your Hearts unto the Lord"

LUYH 844

"What Wondrous Love"

LUYH 164:1,3,4

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Assurance: Romans 8:34; II Corinthians 5:17

p.1758; 1799

People of God, hear this good news!

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

Song: "For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free"

LUYH 679:1-2

Invitation to Giving

*Offering our gifts is an important part of our response to God—connecting our worship with a life of discipleship—and is a way to participate in the ministry of Covenant CRC here in this building and around the world. Offering boxes are available, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.*

Prayers for the Church and World

## God Speaks to Us

Children In Worship Dismissal: "Speak, O Lord"

LUYH 755:1

*Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to a time of worship designed especially for young children and can gather in the fellowship hall with the helpers. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:17-5:2

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Message: "In Your Anger Do Not Sin"

Dr. Justin Bailey

\*Song of Response: "Spirit of the Living God"

LUYH 749

## God Meets Us at the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous God,

you have gathered grapes from many hills and grain from many fields,

**and so we come to the table of plenty.**

You have offered to quench our thirst and to fill our hunger,

**and so we come to the table of plenty.**