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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

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*“You are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.”*

~ Jesus (Luke 10:41-42)

~ *GATHERING* ~

**WELCOME, PRAYER, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*Jer. 31*)

The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

**We are God's people; the Lord is our God.**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*based on Isaiah 43*)

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

**I am about to do a new thing;**

Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

**I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert**

Come, let us worship God!

**HYMN**

**LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING**

GTG #339

Text by James Weldon Johnson; Music by J. Rosamond Johnson

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**All: May God be with you there.**

Kids: May God be with you here.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Why are you so extravagant, O God? We work hard, use our intelligence, keep our ledgers balanced, accomplish feats daily, care for our families, and honor our inherited legacies. Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored? Yet you throw open windows and doors, revealing a vision we do not possess, where accomplishments don't count, where tears reap joy, where peace is found in suffering, where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure. Show us again what matters. Forgive our misplaced values, and draw us into your extravagance, that we, too, might be generous with our love. [Silent Confession]**

**\*RESPONSE**

**LAMB OF GOD**

GTG #602

by Yusuf Khill

YA HAMALALLAH

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Say it with joy! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**INSTRUMENTAL**

**LAMB OF GOD**

**GTG #602**

**~ THE WORD ~**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

**LUKE 10:38-42**

**NRSV**

**SECOND READING**

**JOHN 12:1-8**

**NRSV**

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**MARTHA AND MARY**

**Rev. Wigger**

**RESPONSE**

**AMEN**

**GTG #601**

**Anon. Danish**

**~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from The Nicene Creed)*

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**\*RESPONSE**

LORD, PREPARE ME  
by John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

GTG #701  
SANCTUARY

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** ...Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**EUCCHARIST**

COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE  
by Barbara Hamm

GTG #507

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**~ SENDING ~**

**HYMN**

YOU ARE MY STRENGTH WHEN I AM WEAK  
by Dennis L. Jernigan

GTG #519

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

***Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Room.***

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