

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2023

9:30 a.m.

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*"Divine grace faithfully received leads to human mercy faithfully given." ~ F. Dale Bruner*

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### WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE Bobbi Hunter

*Crown Him with Many Crowns...* Donald Rotermund  
(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Lou Pennebaker

\* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 151

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Lou Pennebaker

**Loving God, we approach Your throne of grace with thanksgiving and yet with pain. We are so grateful that You love us, forgive us, empower us to be more Christ-like. And yet we know we disappoint You when we forsake the path to which You call us: the way of Your Kingdom, the way of Jesus, the way of justice and mercy, for all. Give us courage, gracious God, to be the disciples You call us to be. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.  
**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* GLORIA PATRI No. 579

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

\* Those who wish may stand.

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Faye Wilson  
Psalm 98:7-9 pg. 936

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name...* T. Fettke & L. Johnson  
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist  
(CCLI #20405356)

GOSPEL READING pg. 1542  
Matthew 25:31-46

MINISTRY OF THE WORD Rev. Charie Reid  
"Love Is on the Loose!"

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 426  
*Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\* CLOSING HYMN No. 430  
*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Inside Cover of Hymnal  
*Go Now in Peace*

POSTLUDE Bobbi Hunter  
*Trumpet Voluntary in D Major...* Henry Purcell

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