

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Minister: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

People: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

People: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Minister: We begin in the name of the Lord who made us.

People: Let us sing and worship together as we praise God's holy name.

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn: of Praise To God Be the Glory #35

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Eternal God, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend, you bring light out of darkness and hope out of despair. Share your love with us this day that we may better love each other. With Your tender mercies, touch our hearts and help our love shine forth in a world desperate to know your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love and with Him is plentiful redemption.

(Psalm 130:7)

Hymn: His Name is Wonderful #79

Passing of the Peace

Now in Christ Jesus, we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ, for He Himself is our peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always. Ephesians 2.13-14

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading -- 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (NIV)

Special Music: Tell Your Heart to Beat Again

Sermon: "Perplexed, But Not In Despair" Dr. Gary Carr

Hymn: Holy, Holy #198

Benediction