

Prayer Concerns

*Condolences to the family of Nadine Brooke, mother of Danielle (and Jeremy) Walsh on her passing	*Condolences to the family of Terry Crater, friend of the Tallers
*Sue G., lifted by Sharon W.	*Condolences to the family of Jan Praedel, on her passing
*Claudia T.'s cousin, Lisa	*Chris B.'s niece
*Ron C.'s brother's girlfriend, Beth	*Joanne H., Natalie W.'s aunt
*Barb B.	

*=1 week °=2 weeks ' =3 weeks * =4 weeks on prayer list

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

4/12 Zurich Bernard

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm

Liturgist: John Vas

Organist: Javier Gonzalez

Choir Director: Gabriela Martinez

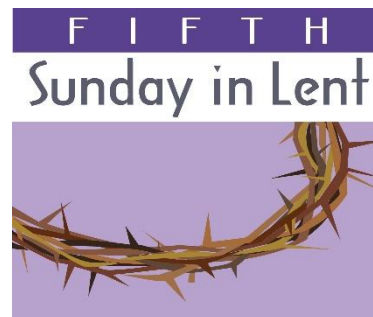
Greeters: Jim and Ellie Yager, Greg Lavelle

Usher: Sarah Jackson

Audio Video Elements: John and Michelle Wolter, Phil Wolter



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Rev. Hoyte L. Wilhelm, Pastor

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 6, 2025 10:30 am

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

L: The grace and peace of our Lord and Savior be with you.

P: And also with you.

Celebration of Ministries and Missions

Prelude *Blessed Jesus, We are Here* Johann Sebastian Bach

*Call to Worship

John Vas

L: We come to worship, remembering God's goodness that has carried us and sustained us to this present moment.

P: We remember the days when God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

L: We come to worship, weary from stress, heavy with grief, and wondering when relief will come.

P: We long for the days God covered us in love and filled us with joy.

L: We come to worship to remember and remind one another that God's love has never left us, and God's joy cannot be extinguished.

P: God, restore us that we know your love and your joy once again.

L: We come to worship to remember and become the Body of Christ, a community called to restore the world around us.

P: God, empower us to be your restoration people who fill the world with love, laughter, and abundant life. Amen.

***Unison Prayer**

Come to this sanctuary, this house, this home, Holy Christ, and let us receive you with lavish welcome. You are the Restorer of our fortunes, the Promise of new life. We pour out our praise to you. Fill this room with your Spirit: the sound of wind, the warmth of flame, the scent of perfume. Fill our hearts with your compassion, not just in this time and place, but in all times and in all places, so that as we celebrate the great things you have done for us, we may also embody the love you give to all. Amen.

***Old Testament Reading** Psalm 126

***Hymn** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH 203

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Like Judas, God of new things, we like to complain about your generous ways, rather than living in your grace. The poor are always with us, we believe, which justifies our ignoring them. In our memories, we focus on a perceived golden past, and so we ignore the new things you do in our midst. We are so enamored with our achievements that we are not willing to throw them away in order to follow Jesus. Forgive us, Restoring God, and help us to notice the kingdom springing forth in our midst. By your grace, may our fears turn to faith, our seeds of grief produce a bumper crop of joy, and our tears turn into torrents of tenderness as we journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to Jerusalem.

Responsive Words of Pardon and Assurance

L: Making a way through all the foolishness and mistakes of our lives, God leads us into new life, where we are restored to grace, to hope, and to peace.

P: **Do we notice what God has done for us, what God is doing in us? This is good news for everyone. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem *Abide with Me* arr. by Jack Schrader

Thankfulness for Our Offering

***Doxology** UMH 95

***Prayer for the Offering**

Gospel Reading John 12:1-8

Hymn *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* UMH 175

Sermon "Fill Me With Laughter" Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Sacrament of Holy Communion

***Hymn** *O Spirit of the Living God* UMH 539

***Responsive Benediction**

L: May you go out from this place in the blessing of God, who turns your weeping into laughter and your laughter into joy—

P: **that plants seeds of restoration, justice, and abundance for all of God's creation.**

All: Amen.

Postlude *Toccata on 'In the Cross of Christ I Glory'*
Ithamar Conkey

(You are invited to be seated for the Postlude before exiting the Sanctuary.)

**Please stand if you are able.*