

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT:**  
A LENTEN INVITATION TO TRAVEL TOWARDS THE CROSS IN PSALMS

# THE JOURNEY TO Jerusalem

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# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT | *March 17, 2024*

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

### OPENING SENTENCES (*Psalm 130:7*)

*Elder Steve Bowers*

One: O people, hope in the Lord.

**ALL:** *With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.*

### WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Elder Steve Bowers*

### \*SILENT PROCESSION

### PRELUDE

*Nimrod (from Enigma Variations)*

Elgar

Dr. James Dorroh

### CHORAL INTROIT

*Blessed Jesus, At Your Word*

Ahle

Chancel Choir

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Elder Steve Bowers*

One: The journey is long, and the burden of our sins and struggles feels so heavy.

**ALL:** *Yet we will hope in God because with God, there is steadfast love.*

One: All around us, we witness neighbors and communities who are lifeless, despairing that they could ever be revived.

**ALL:** *Yet God tells us that to come back to life, we must come together.*

One: Year after year of change and struggle have taken their toll—how can anyone bring forth life when we feel so parched and tired?

**ALL:** *Yet God meets the lifeless with the breath of life, reviving us again to worship and follow God's way.*

One: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

**ALL:** *We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.*

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE: 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

NICAEA

## PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Elder Steve Bowers*

If the Lord marked our iniquities, we could not stand. But there is forgiveness with God. In trust and faith, let us offer our confessions to God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Elder Steve Bowers*

*Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Hear our voices and let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications. We come into your presence confessing our sins, aware we have behaved in ways that are contrary to your desire for our living. We come into your presence aware that too often we allow lifelessness to gain the upper hand. We come into your presence aware that we put our trust in our own abilities. Forgive us, O God. Infuse us with your life-giving spirit. Breathe into us and make us come alive. Amen.*

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*Elder Steve Bowers*

One: Hope in the Lord!

**ALL:** *With the Lord, there is steadfast love.*

One: With God, there is great power to redeem.

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God who redeems us from all our iniquities.*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 We Are Forgiven**

**WE ARE FORGIVEN**

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

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**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Elder Steve Bowers*

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL:** *And also with you.*

**THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*  
Chancel Choir

Hassler

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Anna Poole*

**MINUTE FOR MISSION: RUMMAGE SALE**

*Elder Barbara Fowler*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Elder Steve Bowers*

**\*HYMN: 471 O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

**HEAR MY PRAYER**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Elder Steve Bowers*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Psalms 130 (pg.573-574)*

*Greg Emery*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever.

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

*Waiting, Trust, Hope*

Greg Emery

**RESPONSE**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostle's Creed*)

Elder Steve Bowers

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

**OFFERING**

Elder Steve Bowers

**OFFERTORY**

*Adagio*

Peeters

Dr. James Dorroh

\*Doxology (Tune: 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Dedicatory Prayer

Elder Steve Bowers

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN: 216** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Greg Emery

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Jesus, Remember Me*  
Chancel Choir

Berthier

*(We request that you remain seated until after the Postlude and ask that you use the Postlude as a time to reflect upon the scripture that was read in today's service.)*

**POSTLUDE**

*Chaconne in G Minor*  
Dr. James Dorroh

Couperin