

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Centering Song TAIZE COMMUNITY

When the Night Becomes Dark

Cathy Wilhelm, *soprano*

Call to Worship¹ Skip Howard

Leader: If you would enter into the wilderness, do not begin without a blessing. Do not leave without hearing who you are: Beloved, named by the One who has traveled this path before you. Do not go without letting it echo in your ears, and if you find it is hard to let it into your heart, do not despair.

All: That is what this journey is for.

Invocation Skip Howard

* Lenten Hymn 150 *Go to Dark Gethsemane* REDHEAD 76

Children's Sermon Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Psalter Reading Skip Howard

Psalms 22:2-5, 27-28

(pages 477-478 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession Rev. Ray Hatton

All: Lord, we remember the depths of your love for us, and we repent of our half-hearted discipleship.

We have been called to deny ourselves: forgive us for putting self-interest before the interests of your kingdom; forgive us that Christ's lordship in our hearts has been challenged by our ambition, our appetites, our desires, and our needs; forgive us for the times when self-interest hindered our care for others.

Leader: Lord have mercy,

All: Christ have mercy.

¹ Circle of Grace by Jan Richardson, pg. 96

All: Lord, we have been called to carry a cross; forgive us for complaining when it has weighed heavily upon us; forgive us that, having received so much, we have sacrificed little; forgive us for the limits we have set to Christian love; forgive us that we have settled for mediocrity, resisting the fire and passion of Christ's love upon the cross.

Leader: Christ have mercy,

All: Lord have mercy.

Choral Response *Ubi Caritas* TAIZE COMMUNITY
The Sanctuary Choir

Moment of Gratitude Rev. Ray Hatton

Offertory *You Are My All In All* Dennis Jernigan
The Sanctuary Choir

* Congregational Response *Doxology* OLD 100TH
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.***

Gospel Reading Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

John 18:1-11
(page 938 in the pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us . . .

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Preparation Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Message Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

The Journey from What to Whom

Musical Meditation *Thais Meditation* Jules Massenet
David Córdoba Hernandez, *pianist*

Communion Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

Leader: God has made us a people,

All: We have been shaped by God's will.

Leader: Jesus calls us together,

All: We meet in Jesus' name.

Leader: The Spirit binds us together,

All: And leads us into truth.

Prayers of the People Tom Kimmel

The Lord's Prayer Tom Kimmel

**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.**

* Congregational Response 252 GLORIA PATRI

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***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.***

* Invitation to Discipleship Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Hymn of Response 157 WORTHY LAMB

Worthy Is the Lamb

* Commission and Blessing Skip Howard

Leader: Do not leave without hearing who you are:

All: Beloved. Beloved. Beloved.

* Benediction Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kimmel

* Hymn of Prayer 387 *Blest Be the Tie* DENNIS

* Postlude arr. Albin C. Whitworth

I Love to Tell the Story

Aaron Foster, *organist*

An offering will be received at the doors for our Benevolence Fund.