



Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

10:30am

GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Kelly Couch

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sue Burge

May we find courage here—

courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.

May we find hope here—

hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.

May we find truth here—

truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.

May we find all that we seek.

And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE¹

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

No. 645

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jesus of Nazareth, we admit that often we tuck our faith into our pockets, hiding in a place of comfort rather than proudly declaring: yes we are Christian, yes we believe, yes this faith has changed me. We are so afraid of offending others or embarrassing ourselves that we have established rules: no faith at the dinner table, no faith in politics, no faith with strangers. Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing. Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be part of rewriting the narrative. We want to be brave. We want to pour out perfume over your feet. These things we pray, amen.

¹ *You are invited to stand.

Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold**.

Hymn numbers correspond to the pages in the red or purple *Glory to God* hymn book in the pew rack in front of you.

Assurance of Pardon

Family of faith, hear this good news:

Even in our silence, **God loves us.**

Even in our fear or shame, **God chooses us.**

Even when we sin, **God wraps us in grace.**

You are free—to be bold, to be brazen, to be exactly who God called you to be.

Thanks be to God, amen.

**Sung Response*

Gloria Patri

No. 581

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Following the Sharing of the Peace of Christ, children are invited to come forward and sit on the front row of chairs, next to the piano.

PROCLAIM

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Love the Lord Your God

No. 62

Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

Love the Lord your God with all your mind. Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

At this time, children may be dismissed for Sunday school or can choose to remain in worship for the rest of the service. There are two children's Sunday School classes, for Pre-K–3rd grade and for 4th grade and up.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Love the Lord Your God

No. 62

Love the Lord your God with all your heart. Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

Love the Lord your God with all your mind. Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar
(Stanzas 1 and 4)

No. 201

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8

NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 43:16-21

NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Full to the Brim with Brazen Acts of Beauty

Elder Kelly Couch

RESPOND

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

written by Rev. Sarah Speed

I believe in beauty— beauty pulled into being by our Creator, beauty that catches our breath, beauty that turns us toward awe. I believe in courage— courage to believe, courage to stand up for the people we love, courage to love without hesitation. I believe in the Holy Spirit who prays for us when we cannot, who is brave for us when we are not. I believe in Jesus Christ who stood up for Mary, who quieted the voice of critique, who welcomed every bid for relationship. I believe in God. I believe in God who believes in us. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sung Prayer

When God Restored Our Common Life

No. 74

We will open the prayer with st. 1, sing st. 2 in the middle, and close with st. 3.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

During the time of offering, you are invited to make a financial contribution to LPC. You may do so by placing cash or a check (payable to "LPC") in the offering plate, or give by credit card by using the QR code to be directed to our online giving page. You are also encouraged to be in prayer about how you can use your time and talents to serve God and neighbor this week.



*DOXOLOGY

Praise God Whose Love Will Ne'er Depart

No. 606

**Praise God, whose love will ne'er depart;
Praise Christ, who opens all our hearts;
Praise Spirit's pow'r to help us grow:
One God from whom all blessings flow! Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 debts² as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GO

***SENDING HYMN**

Fairest Lord Jesus

No. 630

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Worship may be over, but our service has just begun.

We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us.

Lakeview Presbyterian Church brings God’s word to life

in a welcoming atmosphere of worship, prayer, and fellowship,

while spreading the love of Jesus Christ

through Christian education and outreach, wherein all are welcome.

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² When saying the Lord’s Prayer, some prefer to use the words “forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us” or “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Please pray as you feel led.

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