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Sunday, March 29, 2020, 11:00 am

5th Sunday in Lent

Music as We Gather

Gathering

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

We've lit candles during Lent:

For Love,
for Peace,
for Patience,
For Kindness,

and today we light a candle for Mercy.

May this Candle shine bright into our world, inspiring acts of amazing mercy by all, for all.

Welcome

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Call to Worship:

Each step on Christ's Way, each step of our lives,
takes us to new places, new times.

Some of those are times to rest—
like Jesus did, when he stopped to pray.

As many of us are now, in this exhausting and challenging
time.

There are times to celebrate, even in the face of grief—
Jesus experienced all these things.

Celebrate in our finding new ways to be in community,
New ways to connect and care for one another.

Whether our bones are dry, our spirits weary,
or we are filled with energy, ready to go;
this is our time to be together in new ways,
listening for the Spirit, loving one another,
and worshipping our God!
Let us worship with God now.

Opening Prayer:

Creative God, we offer our thoughts and questions,
concerns and hopes, as we continue our conversation with
your creative spirit. May we hear your voice and come to
worship with our hearts, minds, hands, and ears unbound.
Amen.

Hymn: "This is the Day" VU #412 vs. 2&4

Listening

Children's Focus

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Deep and Wide"

Deep and wide, deep and wide
There's a fountain flowing deep and wide
Deep and wide, deep and wide
There's a fountain flowing deep and wide

Wide and deep, wide and deep
There's a fountain flowing wide and deep
Wide and deep, wide and deep
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Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14
John 11:1-45

One: May God add to our understanding of these words.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: **Jesus Wept**

Hymn: "I Can Feel You Near Me God" MV #48 x2

Celebrating

Offertory Prayer:

**What we have, we freely share, loving God. Blessed by
your love, may we be a blessing in your world. May
what we offer always be used in service of your grace,
your peace, and your love. Amen!**

Prayers of the People

Lenten Light Entering Again:

Our worries and fears are not what they were, but in some
ways, they are still there.

When we can come together as a community, our lives are
uplifted in the holy presence of our God, Son, and Holy
Spirit.

In the Spirit of our Faith, we light our Lenten Candle,
showing that Jesus came to be our light, and through Jesus,
who rises into our lives again and again and again, we are
also called to be the light – to each other, and God's world.

Commissioning:

We are a people loved by God,
Living into signs of this love.
We are a people blessed with hope.
Living into the light of this hope.

Benediction:

May the love of God,
the grace of Christ,
and the courage of the Spirit,
strengthen our faith
and set us loose to share God's love with all.
Amen and amen!

Music as We Depart