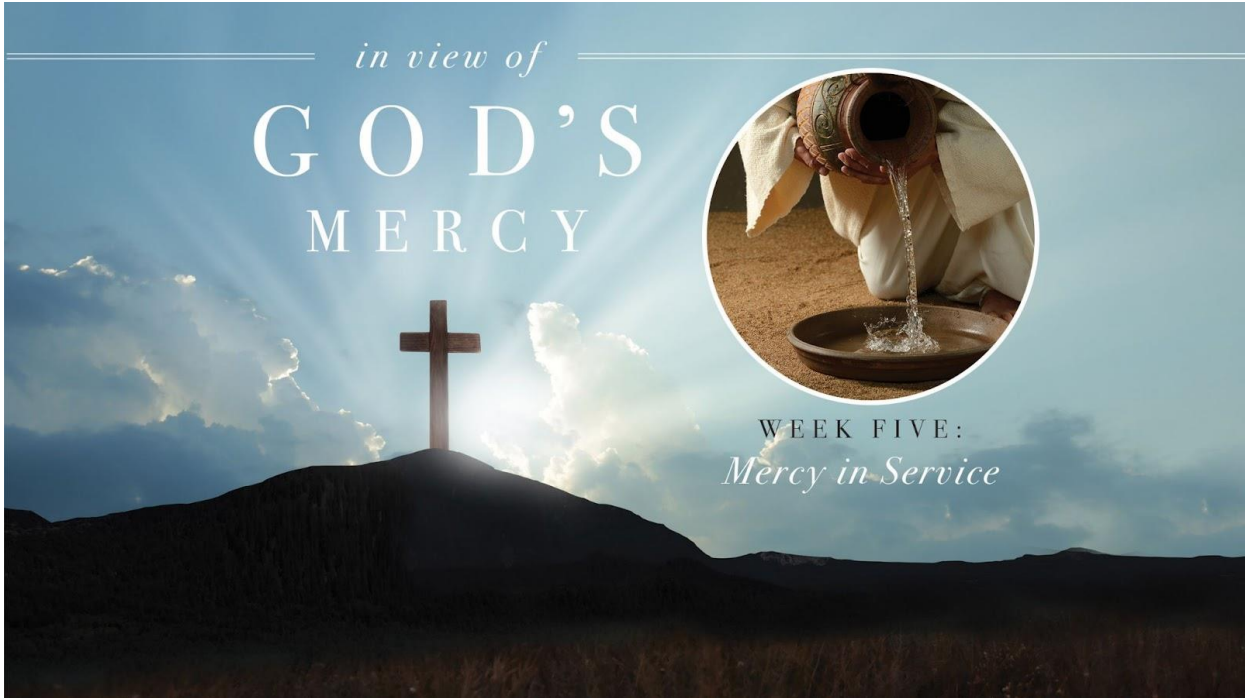


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Lent 5 Evening Worship with Communion

April 6, 2022

7:00 PM

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As we gather. . . . In this service for Week 5 of Lent in our *In View of God's Mercy* series, we look at our lives through the lens of God's love toward us in the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. In this service, we will see that we are called to serve in mercy the needs of those around us by Christ's example.

God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. - Hebrews 6:10

PRELUDE

Were You There?
Justin Streletz, Pianist

Arr. Gregg Sewell

WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

Let each of you look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant.

We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.

We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

Whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Let us Worship God!

+ HYMN

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

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OPENING PRAYER

Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we do so in view of your mercy. We thank you for sending Jesus to be the Suffering Servant who gave his life so that we might live eternally. In view of your mercy, remake us into willing servants who live to serve you and others. Sanctify us by your Spirit to humbly serve the needs of those around us as we follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray these things in his holy name.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

How easy we can learn of God's love - but how hard it is to live it! The world distracts us with its easy choices, while we know how intentional we must be to love one another. Join me as we confess our failures to love, as we open our hearts to God, praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, you love us with a perfect love. But you also demand that we love you and others perfectly. This we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. You would be perfectly just to punish us now and forevermore. For the sake of your Son, the Suffering Servant Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us our self-centered and self-serving ways. Lead us to serve you and those you have placed into our lives.

We cry to you for mercy!

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(Please silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, God's mercy is greater.)

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

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**Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Mark 10:45)*

Hear the good news! God's Word declares that "the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins and gives you his righteousness, making you holy in his sight. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

Hearing this good news, know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy and mighty God, by the power of your Word the world was created and our souls are renewed. Speak once again to challenge our priorities and overturn our assumptions until we can say, "let it be with me according to your Word." Fill us, your humble servants, with the wisdom to become God-bearers to all creation.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Micah 6:7-8 NRSV

"Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON John 13:12-17 NRSV

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Stay with Me

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Note: This chant from Taizé intended for repeated singing is based on Jesus' request to the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:38/Mark 14:34), a simple request they did not fulfill. When singing these words we need to hear in them an ongoing call to be alert and faithful.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Instructions: *If you haven't already picked up an individual prefilled communion cup as you entered the sanctuary, you are invited to come forward, by way of the center aisle, to receive the elements when an usher indicates. Gluten-free prefilled communion cups are located in the center of the tray. Please take the elements back to your seat by way of the outside aisles.*

Please hold the elements until all are served. *When directed by the Pastor, open the bread portion of the cup and partake. Then, when directed, carefully open the juice portion of the cup and partake. Please assist children and other members of your family who may have trouble opening the prefilled communion cups. Please hold onto your trash until you exit the sanctuary and dispose of your used cups in the provided waste receptacles.*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken)*

. . . 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music during Communion

Come to the Table of Grace

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

+ SENDING HYMN

Together We Serve

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+ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please leave prayerfully and in silence.

+ *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Please join us on **Maundy Thursday, April 14, 2022, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM** for a Christian Seder Meal Worship with Communion. Please RSVP on the church website, www.fupcdc.org. If you would like to volunteer to help or have questions, please contact Cathy Smith at cathy.l.smith@comcast.net or 571-330-7065.

On **Good Friday, April 15, 2022**, the church will be open for prayer, **8:30 AM - 2:30 PM**.

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

- **8:30 AM - Traditional Worship with Communion**
- **9:30 AM - Christian Education/ Small Groups for All Ages**
- **11:00 AM - Contemporary Worship with Communion**

Join us on Easter for a special celebration surprise after each worship service!