

## WE GATHER IN CHRIST'S PRESENCE

**GATHERING MUSIC**      *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig* BWV 618      Johann Sebastian Bach

**WELCOME AND CENTERING SILENCE**      The Rev. Dr. James Butler  
*Following a moment of silence, the Lenten Bell will ring, calling us into confession.*

**LENTEN CONFESSION**      David Brill

The Lenten “sacrifice” that God accepts is a broken spirit and a contrite heart.

**Create in us pure hearts, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within us.**

With humble hearts, let us confess our sins and seek God’s forgiveness.

**We have sinned in thought, word, and deed, in the harm we have caused, and in the goodness we did not pursue. We have not always done what you require—acting justly, loving kindness, and walking humbly before you. Forgive us, restore our joy, and sustain us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ who died that all may live. Amen.**

**SUNG CONFESSION** (Hymn 442, v. 3)

*Just as I am, thou will receive, will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.*

*Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come. I come.*

\* **HYMN 839**      “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”      ASSURANCE

\* **ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

**We are not alone!**

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

**FIRST LESSON**      Romans 6:1-11      (Pew Bible, N.T. p.156)

**ANTHEM**      *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*      arr. Douglas E. Wagner  
Handbell Choir

\* **GOSPEL LESSON**      John 12:20-33      (Pew Bible, N.T. p.106)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SUNG BLESSING** (Hymn 547, v. 1)

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.*

*Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.*

*In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.*

*Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

**SERMON**      “Dying to Live”      Dr. Butler

“Unless a grain falls into the earth and dies, it will remain just a single grain.”

## WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

\* **HYMN 247**      “Now the Green Blade Rises”      NOËL NOUVELET  
*The first verse will be sung by the soloist.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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 debts, 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.**

**NEWS OF OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY**

**OFFERTORY**      *Agnus Dei* from *Missa Peurorum*      Josef Rheinberger  
Nick Schneider, solo  
*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis. Dona nobis pacem.*

\* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\* HYMN 250                      “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”                      PROMISE

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* DEPARTING MUSIC              *Christe, aller Welt Trost* BWV 670                      J.S. Bach  
*The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.*

### Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

10 a.m.

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