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Worship and Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

VISION STATEMENT

**We are a multi-generational Christ community
seeking to sing God's spirit into the world
by inviting all, serving all, loving all.**

April 7, 2019
5th Sunday in Lent

GATHERING TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

THE WORK OF THE CHURCH and WELCOME

SUNDAY SCHOOL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

PRELUDE

Voluntary

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OPENING PRAYER

All: Gentle...yet powerful.

Lowly...yet almighty.

Shepherd...yet King.

In your gentleness, guide us.

In your power, strengthen us.

In your lowliness, strip from us our selfish pride which only destroys us.

In your greatness, lift us up that we might aspire to greater things.

As a shepherd, call us to be your servants.

As a King, call us to be your royal priesthood.

O God, who is our shepherd and our King;

O Christ, who was crucified and is now risen from the dead;

O Spirit, who comforts and empowers;

O great One in Three, Holy Trinity, this hour, set us free to worship. Amen.

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*SINGING

God of Grace and God of Glory

No. 577

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES TO GOD

PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia!

**All who are able, please stand.*

**Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Lord, this money is not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

PREPARING TO PRAY

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

No. 465, v. 1 & 2

All: Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine; kindle every high desire; perish self in thy pure fire.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

CHOIR RESPONSE

This One Table

Parker/Raney

OPENING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 22:11-17

The Message

MESSAGE

Robots

Katherine Mitchell

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

***SINGING**

For the Healing of the Nations

No 428

*** THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES INTO THE WORLD**

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Praeludium

Sechter

Your faith has made you well.

A friend and I are walking with her boys. Ice on the path.
She's ahead, I'm with Teddy, the three year old.
He slips and crashes to his knees,
feet splayed, face inches from the ice.

He doesn't crumple, doesn't wail. Not a sound.
Doesn't demand that mommy come back.
No pleading, no drama. Doesn't even look up.
He calmly raises his hand above his head.
He knows what will come next.

Behold.

What a Mother we have, that we have come to know
—we know—
we are accompanied,
we are in need and we will be helped,
all will be well.

Faith, Jesus showed, is not certainty, but reaching out.

Steve Garmaas-Holmes, *Unfolding Light*, www.unfoldinglight.net

CONTACTING PASTOR KATHERINE: Is there something that Pastor Katherine needs to know?
Please write it down in *Pastor Katherine's Reminder Book* on the credenza in the hallway
so that it will not get forgotten in the rush and confusion of Sunday morning!

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