

LENT

A WILDERNESS JOURNEY



**St. Matthews Church**

WHERE COMMUNITY  
GATHERS AND GROWS

April 3, 2022

# Lent 5

## Sunday, April 3, 2022

(\* indicates the assembly stands)

\*\* indicates singing is encouraged)

### Gathering

Prelude "Prayer Op. 43 No. 2" R. Glière

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Confession and Forgiveness p. 211

Introit "God's Love Heals" S. Knarr

\*Greeting

\*Kyrie 615\*\* "In All Our Grief"

\*Prayer of the Day

Anthem "Hear My Prayer" F. Mendelssohn

### Word

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126 (read antiphonally by full verse, see page 4)

Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14

\*Gospel Acclamation "Let Your Steadfast Love" p. 103

\*Gospel Reading John 12:1-8

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day 803\*\* "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

\*Statement of Faith (see page 4)

\*Prayers of Intercession **A: receive our prayer.**

\*Peace

## Thanksgiving

Hymn of Thanksgiving 791

*“We Sing to You O Lord”*

\*Thanksgiving for the Word

\*Lord’s Prayer (*“Our Father, who art in heaven....”*)

p. 221

## Sending

General Announcements

\*Blessing

\*Hymn 324\*\*

*“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*

\*Dismissal

**A: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*“Suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ”*

P. Eben

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**Our God makes all things new.** In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus’ feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God’s new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

**Church Fire Plan** For everyone’s awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

## Psalm 126

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,  
then were we like | those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of  
joy.

Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great | things for  
them.”

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great | things for us,  
and we are | glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.

<sup>5</sup>Those who | sowed with tears  
will reap with | songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,  
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

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### Statement of Faith:

**We believe it is a matter of faith to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.**

**We believe it is a matter of faith to recognize equally and love all members of God’s human family whatever their race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental capacity.**

**We believe God's creation is good, beautiful, sacred and therefore to condemn any portion of God's creation is to condemn a portion of God. This is sin.**

**We believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people from sin and to make disciples—people willing to live Christ's discipline of love and justice for all.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth and to live it, even to die for it, as Jesus died.**

**We believe in the resurrection, the victory over death, the truth that is life for all in Jesus' name.**

**Glory be to God, the One in Three: Creator, Saviour, and Holy Power of Love. Amen.**

*(Dawn Hutchings at <https://pastordawn.com/liturgical-resources/creeds/>)*

## **Leading Worship Today**

**Minister:** Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Assisting Minister:** Scott Kuschnereit

**Diaconal Minister of Music :** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Choral Scholars:** Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann

**Vocal Ensemble:** Julia Crnko, Pauline Finch, Lana Moses, Bev Roeder, Jim & Erika Sattler

**Radio:** Gary Pootz

**Building Monitor:** Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)



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# Worship Notes

In our prayers John, Susan, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Frank and Bernice.

**Midweek Lenten Worship Services** on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., featuring Holden Evening Prayer. Come join us live or via live-stream.

## Important Information for today's worship

- **Masks:** According to our church's current protocols, wearing a mask indoors is mandatory.
- **Personal belongings:** You may use the basement coat racks, but please use the Church Street side staircase to descend back down (follow the arrows). Please still exit via the left (Charles St.) staircase and doors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates upon leaving.
- **The Peace** will be shared without physical contact
- **Guides to Worship:** Please place these in the recycling bins in the Narthex upon leaving, or take them home.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, all will remain in place until the end of the postlude. Then, those in the back pews will exit first, going directly out the only official exit: the Benton parking lot doors. Please do not mingle inside, and maintain distancing until you are in the parking lot. We encourage you to mingle outside while maintaining physical distancing.
- **Washrooms:** Are not sanitized after each usage. Please only use the ones in the Sanctuary basement, follow all signage and maintain physical distancing.
- **Coffee Hour** is cancelled until further notice.
- **Mingling:** Please do not mingle while indoors and respect 2 metre physical distancing at all times. Please refrain from shaking hands or other physical

contact with people outside your social bubble.

- **Pastors** will not be greeting at the door or mingling indoors, but will make an effort to come outside asap after the service. If you wish to talk to them, best to call or email at another time. An in-person meeting may be scheduled.
- **Water Coolers** are currently disconnected.
- **Property Cleaning and Sanitizing:** Will be increased throughout this time
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

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