

**Worship Service: Sunday April 2, 2017**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Theme: "Jesus on his journey reaches out to the lost"**

**WE GATHER IN WORSHIP**

\*Call to Worship:

Jesus calls us to journey, this and every day,  
following him wherever he leads us.

**Jesus calls us to journey with him:  
to meet those who are lost and struggling,  
to help them move toward salvation.**

Jesus calls to us, wherever we are,  
no matter what we were doing.!

**We come to celebrate good news today!  
God, who knows who we are  
and where we are, offers us new life!**

Let us welcome Jesus into our homes and our hearts.

**Let us give of ourselves in this worship time that we may know God.  
Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God!**

\*Song: "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" BoP#665

\*God's Greeting (*from 2 Corinthians 13:14*)

*(Our Lord has called us to worship and now greets us.)*

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*(As God has greeted us with his peace,  
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.)*

\*The Sharing of the Peace (*We greet each other saying, "The Peace of Christ be with you."*)

## **WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

*(Our prayer of confession is inspired by the story of Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus (Luke 19: 1-10))*

Solo: "If I can Help Somebody"      Emily Kaldeway

A Time of Quiet Confession, concluded with:

We had thought you came to bless us,  
but you keep going to those we do not understand,  
those we do not trust, those we consider unclean,  
those we fear.

**We confess that we want you to confirm our prejudices,  
but you shatter them.  
Samaritans, children, lepers, women, tax collectors,  
a sick friend, a dead daughter,  
All of these you blessed and healed.  
Those we distance ourselves from, you actually touch.**

We confess that we grumble at you,  
not sure that we can follow you in this way,  
not strong enough to overcome what we have always been taught,  
not open enough to see the depth and breadth of your grace.

**Forgive us Jesus,  
turn our grumbling into acts of courage.  
Turn our codes of conduct into the conduct of compassion.  
Turn our condemnation of the failures of others  
into the awareness of our failure to love others with your grace and  
compassion.**

Forgive us Jesus and make us new,  
**until we become one with the lost ones,  
until we become lost in your love.  
Amen.**

Assurance of God's Pardon:

The scriptures tell us that God's love will find us

no matter how far away we are from the Word.  
Just as Jesus found Zacchaeus hiding in a tree,  
God will find us and bring us home.  
It does not matter what we have done wrong,  
we still belong to God.  
We have the assurance that God will rescue us.  
This is the good news of the Gospel!

Song: "I'm Forever Grateful"

You did not wait for me  
To draw near to You  
But You clothed Yourself  
With frail humanity  
You did not wait for me  
To cry out to You  
But You let me hear  
Your voice calling me

And I'm forever grateful to You  
I'm forever grateful  
For the cross  
I'm forever grateful to You  
That You came  
To seek and save the lost

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The Lenten Insert

\*Song of Dedication: "We Will Follow"

1 We will follow, we will follow Jesus.  
We will follow, we will follow him.  
We will follow, we will follow Jesus.  
We will follow Jesus where he leads us.

2 Through the valleys, we will follow Jesus...

3 To the mountains, we will follow Jesus...

4 In the city, we will follow Jesus...

5 In our classroom, we will follow Jesus...

6 In our calling, we will follow Jesus...

Youth message: "Zacchaeus meets Jesus"

Youth Song: "Zacchaeus"

Zaccheus was a wee little man,  
A wee little man was he.  
He climbed up in a sycamore tree,  
For the Lord he wanted to see.  
And as the Saviour passed that way,  
He looked up in the tree,  
*(spoken) and he said,*  
*"Zacchaeus, you come down,*  
For I'm going to your house today,  
For I'm going to your house today."

### **GOD SPEAKS TO US FROM HIS WORD**

Prayer for Understanding

The Reading of Scripture:

Psalm 84  
Luke 19: 1-10

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: "Jesus makes the Difference"

\*Song of Response: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" BoP # 204

Prayers of God's People, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

## **WE BRING OUR GIFTS**

Work and Witness of our Church

A Time of Giving

\*Sung Response: "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow" BoP#79

## **WE GO OUT TO SERVE AS THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST**

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "May the God of Hope Go With Us Every Day" BoP#726