



*"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks." – Luke 12:25*

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 22, 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

*(\*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

PRELUDE

"Choral Prelude"

J. L. Krebs

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Mike & Deb Claxton, Lord's Food Pantry

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE & RINGING THE TRINITY

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)*

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER (*Psalm 130:1-7*)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, and in his word, I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

**With the LORD there is steadfast love,**

**and with the LORD there is great power to redeem.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Lord, in Jesus Christ, you provide a new vision for humanity, but we confess our failure to follow his example. Instead of getting up close and personal, we prefer shouting from a distance, hurling insults and pointing fingers. We seek the approval of anonymous online forums and refuse to constructively engage others in moments of disagreement. We choose force over restraint and dehumanization over reconciliation. Forgive us, Lord. Show us the true power of your love. May the truth of who you are be made known to everyone, so that we may welcome you into our communities with joy.**

SILENT PRAYER

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #575 “Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12:9-21

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00]

“There Is a Green Hill Far Away”

Joseph Martin

*There is a green hill far away, without a city wall;  
Where Christ the lord was crucified, Who died to save us all.  
For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son,  
And on a green hill far away He shed His precious blood.  
We may not know, we cannot tell what pains He had to bear,  
But we believe if was for us He hung and suffered there.  
For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son,  
And on a green hill far away He shed His precious blood.*

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 9:51-56

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## SERMON

“Scar Tissue”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

What do we believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## OFFERING

*\*\*Response: #645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (v. 1)*

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.*

*With healing balm, my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled,  
to God all praise and glory!*

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

## \*HYMN #250

“Hymn of Promise”

PROMISE

## \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## \*CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

Ushers: Kim Smithwick & Mike Clawson  
Greeter: Tim Owens  
Welcome: Mac Warner  
Liturgist: Helen Odum  
Acolyte: Declan Smithwick

*The flowers are dedicated by Rusty, Polly & family in loving memory of  
Rebecca on her birthday.*

**As a courtesy to others, please take a moment to silence your cell phone  
before our worship service begins.**

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