Worship on the Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

Prelude "I Walk with God" by Nicholas Brodsky

Welcome

Call to Worship

(Psalm 119:1-2)

Happy are those whose way is blameless.

Happy are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are those who keep God's decrees.

Blessed are those who seek the Lord with their whole heart.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. May we serve you in righteousness and peace all our days, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Prayer of Confession

(from Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you alone have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Jeremiah 31:31-34

New Testament John 12:20-33

Sermon "All Shall Be Well" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Offertory "My Tribute" by Andrae Crouch

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, your loving kindness shines brightly through your Son Jesus. Thank you for welcoming us into a relationship with you. Send your Spirit to help us trust you more each day and to know the joy of giving freely for the sake of others. We dedicate these offerings so that our neighbors will feel your love and be drawn closer to you. We pray through Christ. Amen.

Sharing Praise to God and Concerns for Prayer

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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,
the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 377 "It Is Well with My Soul"

Benediction Dr. Anderson

Postlude "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen

Church Calendar

Wednesday, March 20 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Parlor and online Our **Living into Lent Group** will discuss Chapter 6, "Enacting."

Thursday, March 21 noon – 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Senior Luncheon RSVP to Heather Burnham by Monday, March 18

Friday, March 22 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall **Pizza and Games Night** RSVP to Pastor Rosanna by noon Friday

Sat. & Sun. March 23–24 Collaborative Filmmaking Workshop with Lighthouse Works and the Theater in our Media Lab for Good

Sunday, March 24 10:00 a.m. in person and via live stream **Palm Sunday Worship Service** with palms

Wednesday, March 27 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Parlor and online *Living into Lent* Chapter 7, "Gathering at the Cross"

Friday, March 29 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary **Good Friday Prayer Service** with contemplative music from the ecumenical Taizé Community in the Burgundy region of France.

Sunday, March 31 6:00 a.m. **Easter Sunrise Service**Join us at South Beach to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship Union Chapel and live stream

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