



**Worship Bulletin**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**  
**March 29, 2020**

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin  
Senior Minister

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Mr. Rick Massengale, piano

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 103*

Dr. Martin and **People**

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—**  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
**who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

The LORD works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.

**The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

**For he knows how we were made;  
he remembers that we are dust.**

As for mortals, their days are like grass;  
they flourish like a flower of the field;  
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.

**But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting  
on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,  
to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.**

**\*HYMN 144**

*This Is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.*

*This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.*

*This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

The Rev. Allyson Lawrence and **People**  
Associate Minister

**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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy \*catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *\*universal UMH 881***

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

MEINEKE

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:*

*"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."*

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Lawrence

**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.**

*Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness.  
And all the gifts of heaven you will possess.  
Tomorrow's cares will surely pass away,  
for he will supply your portion for today.*

*Forgive each other as you have been forgiven.  
Turn from your sin and look to your Father in heaven.  
For all your needs are seen by God above,  
And He will provide for you out of His great love.*

*Seek, and you will find; Ask, you will receive;  
Knock, and the door will open to you.*

*Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness;  
His praise we sing, His holy name we bless.  
Praise to the Father, praise to Christ, the Son,  
Praise to the Spirit God the Three in One.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD 100th

**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.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

The Rev. Carson Thaxton  
Director of Children & Family Ministry

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 6:24-34

Rev. Thaxton

*“<sup>24</sup>No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.*

*“<sup>25</sup>Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

*“<sup>34</sup>So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.”*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*What gift can we bring, what present, what token?  
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
what song can we offer in honor and praise?*

*Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,  
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.  
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,  
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.*

*Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,  
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,  
the Word is our promise always, forever,  
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.*

*This gift we now bring, this present, this token,  
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
this song we now offer in honor and praise!*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Dr. Martin

*May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.  
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.  
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.  
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our arms.*

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in **bold type**.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Billy Arnold   | Annelle Burch   | Margaret Grainger | Martha Segars  |
| Van Askew      | Quentin Cash    | Martha Hale       | Mabel Wilbanks |
| Carolyn Broady | Richard Clayton | Doris Kerlin      | Brad Wilkinson |
| Ken Broady     | Suzan Cole      | Lurlene Perry     |                |

**Our Christian prayers and sympathy are with**

Steve and Lana Ruppert and family upon the death of Lana's mother, Marcia Sawvell, on March 21.

**A donation to the flower ministry has been made**

in memory of Bill Holcomb by Sandy Holcomb and Angie McClanahan.

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