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**Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

March 21, 2021

10:00am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Change is coming, for God's plans are unfolding. God can come to us in surprising ways when we least expect it.

God's self-revelation happens anywhere anytime. The wind blows where it will.

We should not be surprised since God chose to come in human flesh in Jesus Christ. Born in a stable and living the life of a carpenter's son, Jesus ultimately helps us to see and receive the love of God.

Christ continues to be incarnate in our lives, offering us love, forgiveness and a purpose.

None of us could ever imagine that God would go to such lengths to show us the height, depth and breadth of God's love.

Christ was even willing to give up his life for us.

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation and open the way to eternal salvation. As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ, may your law of love be written on our hearts as he draws all people to himself revealing your love for the world. **Amen.**

HYMN: "I Danced in the Morning" #157

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts, confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, by the faith of Christ, our sins are forgiven. May we delight in the joy of our salvation.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your Word, O God, has power to change our lives and to create a whole new world. As we meditate on your word this day, fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may treasure your word with our whole hearts and fix our eyes on you. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 12:20-33

SERMON

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PASTORAL PRAYER**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY**DOXOLOGY****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Dear God, we offer you these gifts that they might build up the work of your kingdom. Make us living witnesses to the way of your righteous reign. For the glory of your son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: "Here I Am / I the Lord of Sea and Sky" #69

CHARGE

Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also." Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

BENEDICTION

Hymns

“I Danced in the Morning”

1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he

2. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John,
They came with me and the Dance went on. (Refrain)

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on a Cross to die. (Refrain)

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black,
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the Dance, and I still go on. (Refrain)

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (Refrain)

“Here I Am / I the Lord of Sea and Sky”

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send? (Refrain)

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied,
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?