



"Leave the broken, irreversible past in God's hands, and step out into the invincible future with Him." - OSWALD CHAMBERS

April 6, 2025

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER IN HIS PRESENCE

## GATHERING MUSIC

Allison Thorp

### "This is the Day"

Les Garrett

This is the day (this is the day)  
That the Lord has made (that the Lord has made).  
Let us rejoice (let us rejoice)  
And be glad in it (and be glad in it).

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day,  
That the Lord has made.  
(x2)

### "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

C. Martin & C. H. Gabriel

Why should I feel discouraged?  
Why should the shadows come?  
Why should my heart be lonely  
And long for heaven and home?  
When Jesus is my portion, my constant friend is he:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

#### Refrain:

*I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free!  
For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender words I hear,  
And resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path he leadeth, but one step I may see:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. (Refrain)

### 'There's Something About That Name'

William & Gloria Gaither

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!  
There's just something about that name.  
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:  
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,  
But there's something about that name.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "The Old Rugged Cross" arr. Lloyd Larson  
Diane Combs

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive from Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!  
**Our souls yearn to be in your holy presence.**  
Blessed are those whose strength is found in you.  
**They go from strength to strength.**  
Blessed are those whose hearts are set on worshipping You.  
**Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.**

### \*OPENING HYMN "The Mighty God with Power Speaks" #13

**1. The Mighty God with power speaks, and all the world obeys;  
from dawn until the setting sun, God's wonder earth displays.  
The perfect beauty all around from Zion's height shines forth;  
and stars across the firmament so brightly beam their worth.**

**2. God comes not with a silent form, but riding on the winds;  
before God's face, the raging storm its blast of thunder sends.  
All hail the Judge, in bold array, whose promise is to bless;  
who sees our sins, yet also feels our thirst for righteousness.**

**3. The heavens declare your justice, Lord, as endless as the sky;  
against the taunts of disbelief, our God will testify.  
Receive my heartfelt gift of thanks, as honor to your might;  
refresh my faith with each new day;  
protect me through the night.**

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION, in unison

Merciful God, forgive us for failing to grasp how vital it is to regularly gather for worship. We fail to see worship as the heartbeat of God's people, affirming our calling to truly love God and to love one another. Forgive us, O Lord and change our desires so that we will be the people you created us to be. We pray in the power of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### :: A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION ::

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, Westminster Catechism, Q.1

What is the chief end of all people?  
**Our chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

### :: PASSING THE PEACE ::

*And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God,  
we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God's command to love  
and forgive one another.*

ANTHEM "Once Upon a Tree" Pepper Choplin  
Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 84 Nancy Thompson  
SECOND SCRIPTURE Ezra 1

SERMON "Where Are You Going?"  
Rev. Holly K. Davis

### HYMN OF PREPARATION "I Come with Joy" #515

**1. I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.**

**2. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.**

**3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.**

**4. The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near;  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here, alive among us here.**

**5. Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.**

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts;  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### :: PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ::



**THE LORD'S PRAYER, *sung***

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.*

**:: HOLY COMMUNION ::**

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "If We Truly Believe" Don Besig

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
*Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" #700

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Toccata" Robert Thygerson  
*Diane Combs*

\* Please stand as you are able for these portions of the service.

"A church is not  
a group of friends you've picked.  
It's a group of brothers and sisters  
God has picked for you."  
- Michael Horton

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