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Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Where you see an asterisk (), please rise in body or spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC — “Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ” (“I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ”)

— Dietrich Buxtehude

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

PRELUDE — “Beautiful Savior” (“Fairest Lord Jesus”) — Flor Peeters

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Behold the Man:

People: **King of Kings, Son of God.**

Leader: Behold yourselves . . . ourselves:

People: **Seeking the wrong power, from the wrong place.**

Leader: Behold the Truth.

People: **The Lamb of God will set us free.**

*OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN #630 — “Fairest Lord Jesus” (8:30 vv. 1 and 4)**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that stories of injustice are hard to read. We would rather read about the triumph of truth, and a rescue from suffering. Yet we confess that we let injustice happen all around us. We too prefer power and position to justice. We too prioritize our own comfort over others' lives. We too try to keep the peace by looking the other way. Forgive us, O God. We offer no excuses, only a plea for your transforming grace to work within us, right now, today. In Jesus' name, make us new.

SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #551

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

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We do not sing the Gloria during Lent.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC — “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” — arr. Richard Erickson

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 146 — pg. 581 in OT (10:30 only)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — John 19:1-16a — pg. 113 in NT

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE — “Behold the Man”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #221 — “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” (8:30 verse 1)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 13 in the *Glory to God* hymnal)

OFFERING

Offertory (8:30) — “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” — Timothy Albrecht

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(10:30) — “I Stand Amazed” — Jan Sanborn

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***Doxology — #675 (verse 4)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN #829 — “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (8:30 vv. 1 and 3)**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION — “Keep Us, O Lord” — John Ness Beck

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POSTLUDE — Ciacona in E minor — Dietrich Buxtehude

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Phil Wolfe (10:30)

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