

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2016 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

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## GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.

**People: Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!**

Leader: Come and let us worship with great joy!

**People: Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!**

(Leader and people raise hands)

Leader: Reach, stretch, extend, and grow closer to our Living God who is present with you in this very moment!

**People: (With raised hands) God is about to do something new in our lives! AMEN.**

### \*Hymn #126

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

### Opening Prayer

We come into your presence, O Lord, with so many burdens and concerns on our hearts. Help us to be open to your words of healing and restoration. Bring us closer to you. Enable us to discern your will for us that we may serve you more faithfully by serving others in need. In Christ's name, we pray. AMEN.

Anthem

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*  
Sanctuary Choir

## PROCLAMATION

### Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 43:16-21

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

### \*Psalter – Psalm 126

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### \*Gloria Patri #70

### Epistle Reading – Philippians 3:4b-14

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

### \*Hymn #170

*O How I Love Jesus*

### \*Gospel Reading – John 12:1-8

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

### Children's Message

Sermon – “Holy Excuses, Batman!”

Pastor Alan

## RESPONSE

### \*Affirmation of Faith #881 – The Apostles' Creed

### Prayers of the People

*The Pastor will lift up a series of petitions. After each petition:*

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our Prayer.

### Invitation

### Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

### \*Passing the Peace

### Offering & Offertory

*I Would Walk with You Lord*  
*Mary Frances Bukva, Susan Hrbek*  
*Lynn McConahy, Hugh Martin, quartet*

### \*Doxology (UMH #95)

## THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

### \*The Great Thanksgiving (UMH, pg. 17, Setting A)

### \*The Lord's Prayer

### Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Receiving (UMH, pg. 11)

## SENDING FORTH

### \*Hymn #592

*When the Church of Jesus*

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

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*\*For those who are able, please stand*