

Sunday March 29, 2020

5th Sunday of Lent

WELCOME

VU = Voices United Hymn Book

THE GATHERING

Prelude: Sweet Hour of Prayer

Bradbury

Call to Worship:

Come, faithful people, and find that quiet centre
where God may enter in.

**We gather as God's people;
hungry for holy presence,
ready for God's Word to us.**

Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn: VU 806, O God Our Help in Ages Past (1)

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time like an ever-rolling stream soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while troubles last, and our eternal home.

Prayer of Approach:

Caring God,

We acknowledge before you our fears;

We acknowledge before you our anxieties;

We acknowledge before you our doubts.

Help us to recognize in the depths of our being

that we are not alone, but that you are truly present.

We pray that you might ease our burdens

by the assurance of your companionship,

by the knowledge of your abiding love,

and by the hope we share in Jesus Christ,

in whose name we pray. Amen

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reading:

O.T. page 806, Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14

This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God

Scripture Reading:

N.T. page 104, John 11: 1 - 45

This is the Gospel of Christ

Thanks be to God

Ministry of Music: Adagio

Weber

Reflection: Rev. Cordelia Karpenko

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Time of Offering

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer: Spoken

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: VU 635, All the Way My Saviour Leads Me (2)

All the way my Saviour leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy who through life has been my guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell,
for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul a-thirst may be,
gushing from the rock before me, lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Saviour leads me; O the fullness of his love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages, "Jesus led me all the way."

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: Foundation

Haydn

(1) Words: Isaac Watts 1719, alt., Music: attrib. William Croft 1708

(2) Words: Fanny J. Crosby 1875, Music: Robert S. Lowry 1875

