

# Christian Service of Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

*\*indicates for those who are able to stand*

## We Gather Together

Welcome and Mission Announcements Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert

\*Passing of the Peace of Christ

*(As the risen Christ greeted his beloved disciples with the greeting, "Peace be with you," let us now turn and greet one another in mutual love.)*

Prelude *There is a Green Hill Far Away* L. Sowerby

\*Entrance Hymn *Morning Has Broken* **53**

\*Call to Worship Elaine Alsobrook

One: Ocean waves may roar; the wind may howl, but God is with us.

**Many: God makes a path in the mighty waters.**

One: In the midst of the storm, we will praise the Lord.

**Many: Can you see it? God is doing new things; God is making a way in the wilderness. Amen!**

\*Unison Prayer of Invocation Elaine Alsobrook

**Today a new day is dawning; through this Sabbath worship, we see that God is engaging us in innovative and delightful ways. We can cast off the baggage of yesterday and embrace today. Be refreshed and renewed as we worship God together. Amen.**

\*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. Amen.*

## We Receive and Respond to the Word

Lessons from the Holy Scriptures Elaine Alsobrook

John 12: 1-8 *(Pew Bible NT Page 106)*

Philippians 3: 4b-14 *(Pew Bible NT Page 198)*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Focus on Faith Pastor

*Children welcome, in the name of Jesus. Children welcome, in the name of love.*

*All are welcome, in the name of Jesus. All are welcome, in the name of love.*

Joys and Concerns for Church and Community Pastor

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Pastor

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Anthem

*Give Me Jesus*  
Soloist: Kayla Harriott

Harry T. Burleigh

Dismissal for Children's Church with Rev. Betty Brewer-Calvert

Sermon " *Jesus' Gratitude*" Pastor

Invitation to Discipleship Pastor

*(You may join First Christian Church by transfer of membership, confession of faith, or by renewal of the vows of your baptism. Please come forward during the hymn.)*

\*Hymn of Invitation *God, Whose Giving knows No Ending* **606**

## We Remember and Celebrate as the Body of Christ

Invitation to Faithful Stewardship Rev. Lynn Trapp

Offertory Music *Christ, the Life of All The Living* F. Peeters

\*Doxology (Hymn of Praise) *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **46**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:*

*Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Offertory Prayer Lynn Trapp

Communion Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* **195**

Invitation to the Lord's Table Pastor

Prayers for the Bread and Cup Elaine Alsobrook and Rev. Lynn Trapp

*(Christ invites you to partake of Holy Communion. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us. You may partake of the Bread as it is passed and hold the Cup, or you may hold both elements so that we may partake of Holy Communion together.)*

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

One: For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said,

**Many: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

One: In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying,

**Many: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

One: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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Prayer of Commission

**God our help: We thank you for this supper, shared in the spirit with your son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in Him and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us.**

**We Are Led Out By the Spirit**

*Hymn of Going Forth	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	<b>595</b>
*Benediction		Pastor
Postlude	<i>Go to Dark Gethseman</i>	R. Graham

*Welcome home! We are delighted that you are here today. Please fill out the Visitor/Member Card so we may have a record of your participation.*

*If you wish for a prayer joy or concern to be shared aloud during worship, please complete the back of the card now. Deacons collect prayer cards before our pastoral prayer. If your prayer request is confidential or you simply do not want it shared aloud, you may place your card in the offering plate alongside our collective tithes and offerings. On Monday morning our Prayer Ministry will lift up to God your prayer requests.*

*We kindly request that, unless you are on-call for professional reasons, all cell phones and electronic devices be turned off during worship. Thank you.*

*The Holy Scriptures for today may be found printed in the bulletin insert.*

**Ministers: All the People**

**Your Church Staff:**

The Rev. Dr. James L. Brewer-Calvert,  
*Senior Pastor*

William E. Garner, *Director of Music*

Rev. Barbara Sims-King,

*Dir. of Christian Education*

Kathy Westbrook, *Church Organist*

Sherry Davis, *Church Administrator*

Ron Smith, *Custodian*

**Your Volunteer**

**Wedding Coordinator:**

Diana Blake, *Wedding Coordinator*

**Continental Breakfast**

Mar. 13: Joonna Trapp

Mar. 20: Mary F. Early

Mar. 27: Yolanda Lewellyn

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 Holy Scriptures: John 12: 1-8; Philippians 3: 4b-14  
 Elders: Elaine Alsobrook, Lynn Trapp  
 Deacons: Bridgette Boker, Ariadne Shirley, Sylvia Gibbs

**Palm Sunday**

**March 20, 2016**

Preaching: Rev. Dr. James Brewer-Calvert  
 Holy Scriptures: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40  
 Elders: Betty Brewer-Calvert and Ruth Lutz  
 Deacons: Susan Watts, Russell Broomfield, Johnnie Barber, Larry Todd



**Welcome Home!**

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**Resolve to Love, Agree to Differ, Unite to Serve, Break Bread Together**