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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are  
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**April 6, 2014**

\*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

**Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words**

### **Ring the Bell**

### **Greeting and Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **Centering Music**

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

arr. P. Manz

*Allow the music to help focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.*

### **\*Call to Worship** adapted from Psalm 130

Out of the depths we cry to God,

**O God, hear our voice! Let your ears be attentive to our cries!**

If God should mark wrongdoings, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with God, so that God may be revered.

**We wait for our God, our souls wait, and in God's word we hope; our souls wait for God more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

O people, hope in our God! For with God there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

**It is God who will redeem us from all that we have done wrong.**

**\*Opening Song NCH #25** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

**\*Silent Confession ending with: "Come and Fill Our Hearts" (3x)**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly. Come and fill our hearts  
with your peace, Al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Psalm 137, Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; Taizé Community, 1982  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1973-1994  
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**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Sharing Christ's Peace**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.  
And also with you.

**Children's Message**

"That's What Friends Are For"

Hannah Hannover

**Sung Prayer for Illumination "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" v. 1**

1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; Ho-ly man-na  
is our bread. Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring.  
Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for  
days of full-ness, All a-round us is our food.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nial. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993, © 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.; tc by Georgina Pando-Connolly, b.1946, © 2012, GIA Publications, Inc.  
Tune: HOLY MANNA, # 78 7 D; William Moore, fl.1830; arr. by Kelly Dobbs-Mickos, b.1965

## Scripture Readings

Ezekial 37:1-14 (p. 987-988 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

John 11:1-45 (see insert)

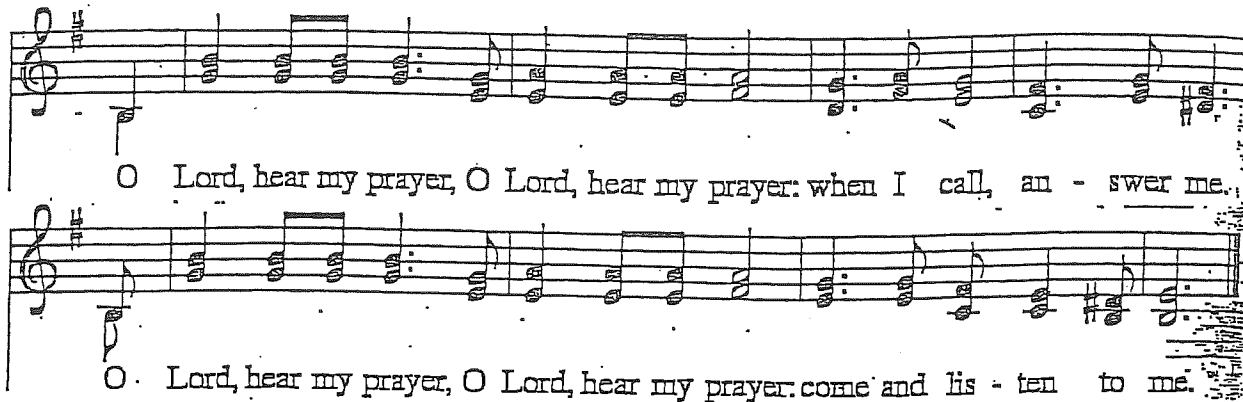
## Sermon

“Out of the Depths” Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

## \*Song NCH #449

“Softly and Tenderly”

## Prayers of the People beginning with “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” (2x)



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

From *Book of Common Prayer*, 1928  
The Episcopal Church, 1971-1974  
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**The Lord's Prayer** Please pray the following, or a version most meaningful to you.

**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.

## Offering

“I Want to be Ready”

arr. Cleveland & Nix

## Sung Response

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” v. 2

*All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.*

*Come from wilderness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.*

*We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.*

*Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

## Communion Prayer

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us to paths of love and light. In every age your prophets have made known your loving will for all. In Jesus the cry of the poor has become your cry, our hunger and thirst for justice your own desire, and the broken bread and outpoured wine the meal that makes us whole.

*The Words of Institution*

Pour out your Spirit upon this meal, that in sharing it we might be transformed. **May our hands become filled with Christ's healing. May our hearts beat with his love. May our lives embody his reign of peace and justice, world without end. Amen.**

**Sung Response**

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" v. 3

*All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.*

*Come from loneliness and longing, Here in peace we will be fed.*

*Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.*


*Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

**Sharing the Bread and the Cup** All are welcome at this Table. The bread is free of gluten, soy, and dairy; the "wine" is unfermented (aka "juice").


**Closing Prayer**

**\*Song**

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"



Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;  
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*  
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*  
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

**\*Sending Music**