

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR APRIL 6, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE At the Cross R.E. HUDSON
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Gathering Around The Word

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As people formed by God, we give praise to God:

All: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert,
Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!

One: As people restored by God, we give praise to God:

All: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert,
Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!

One: As people pressing on in faith, we give praise to God:

All: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert,
Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!

*HYMN 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name! CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Purifying God,
we grow comfortable with the way things are
in our lives, in the church, and in the world.
We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ,
for you overturn our notions of power and protocol.
Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others.
Wanting to control our assets,
we hoard the gifts you give us.
Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of
others.
Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and
sacrifice.
Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world,
with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new.
In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON from Phil. 3:9, 13-14

One: The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves
righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who
has made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we
are forgiven. The old life has passed away—and a new life
has begun.
All: Forgetting what lies behind,
and straining forward to what lies ahead,
we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ
Jesus.

*PASSING THE PEACE We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.
*RESPONSE 581 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.

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD’S WORD from John 12:3

FIRST READING ISAIAH 43:16-21
(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 197 Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You Jay Althouse

SECOND READING JOHN 12:1-8

SERMON “Best Intentions” Rev. David Holden

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 629 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee ST. AGNES

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER Kurt Schultz

One: Hear these words from scripture:
There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
All: one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED page 35 in hymnal

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SHARING OUR PRAYERS See prayer concerns list, back page

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord!
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!
- prayer continues -

THE LORD’S PRAYER (“debts”/”debtors”) page 35 in hymnal

SHARING THE FEAST

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

GIVING BACK TO GOD’S KINGDOM
(Give online @ bit.ly/FPCSomersetGive or scan the code on the yellow pew card)

OFFERTORY Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Jay Althouse

*THE DOXOLOGY 606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION from Isa. 43:19; John 2:1–11; 6:1–14; 12:3

God Sends Us Forth

*HYMN 463 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*BLESSING

HYMN Irish Blessing Inside back cover of hymnal

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us about yourself! You can scan
this QR code with your smartphone to fill
out our online form, or fill out a pew card
and drop it in the offering plate.



This Week

TODAY! @ 4:00pm - Interracial Dialogue
Wed., April 9 @ 11:45am - Packing Food Boxes @ GFP
Wed., April 9 @ 4:30pm - Mission Committee Meeting
Wed., April 9 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice
Thur., April 10 @ 10:30am - Spiritual Practices Group
Thur., April 10 @ 4:30pm - Congregation Care Meeting
Thur., April 10 @ 5:00pm - Deacon Meeting
Thur., April 10 @ 7:00pm - ONLINE: Lenten Study
Sat., April 12 @ 10:30am - Needle Workers Group

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Hannah Vaught
Ushers.....Steve Vaught & Zack Vaught
Audio.....Mary Beth Waller
Video.....Jon Burlew
Coffee Plus.....Erin Stephens

*for portions marked with an asterisk, you’re invited to rise in body or spirit

First Reading—Isaiah 43:16-21

16 The Lord says—who makes a way in the sea
and a path in the mighty waters,
17 who brings out chariot and horse,
army and battalion;
they will lie down together and will not rise;
they will be extinguished, extinguished like a wick.
18 Don't remember the prior things;
don't ponder ancient history.
19 Look! I'm doing a new thing;
now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?
I'm making a way in the desert,
paths in the wilderness.
20 The beasts of the field,
the jackals and ostriches, will honor me,
because I have put water in the desert
and streams in the wilderness
to give water to my people,
my chosen ones,
21 this people whom I formed for myself,
who will recount my praise.

Second Reading—John 12:1-8

¹Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, home of Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²Lazarus and his sisters hosted a dinner for him. Martha served and Lazarus was among those who joined him at the table. ³Then Mary took an extraordinary amount, almost three-quarters of a pound, of very expensive perfume made of pure nard. She anointed Jesus' feet with it, then wiped his feet dry with her hair. The house was filled with the aroma of the perfume. ⁴Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), complained, ⁵"This perfume was worth a year's wages! Why wasn't it sold and the money given to the poor?" (⁶He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He carried the money bag and would take what was in it.)
⁷Then Jesus said, "Leave her alone. This perfume was to be used in preparation for my burial, and this is how she has used it. ⁸You will always have the poor among you, but you won't always have me."

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

The family of Allen Munts; Aaron Ramsey; Tim Noel; Leslie Phillips' parents, J.R & Karen Goff; Don Haney; Rebecca Davis; Pat Carpenter; David & Brenda Bryant; Jeff & Kathy Bishop's daughter, Ashley Kerr; Ed & Joyce Mick; Jennifer Williams; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of March	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Offering	\$23,620	\$16,522	\$54,802	\$49,566

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Marshall Judy
Next Week.....the Brocks

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....J.B. Pitman
Ushers.....Linda Bonardel & Linda Cook
Audio.....Paul Guffey
Video.....Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Mary Beth Waller
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Pastor.....Rev. David Holden

Deacons:

Linda Cook Rebecca Davis Sue Guffey
Don Haney Nancy Holland Marshall Judy Marci Randall

Elders:

Class of 2025 Class of 2026 Class of 2027
Charles Leveridge Sharon Mandt Jo Salmon Mark Dikeman
Perry Waller Laura Wright

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April 6th, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent



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People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart
as you worship this day, and may you go forth
with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any
electronic devices be placed on silent
so that all may hear what God has to say.