

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)**

**Beneficent God, we are glad for all the good things you have done for us. We count everything as loss before the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ. Receive our costly offerings and our best efforts, here dedicated for your use. May Christ be proclaimed and the poor be saved from the terrors of suffering and neglect. Fill the hearts of all your children with laughter and joy. To that end, bless our offerings. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN "The Old Rugged Cross" # 548 (vs 1,4)**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**“Jesus:  
the Center”**



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**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**April 3, 2022**  
**9:00 a.m.**

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

PRELUDE Katie Maurer

\*OPENING HYMN "I Need Thee Every Hour" # 578

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's spirit is moving among us; give thanks! Our God is about to do a new thing in our midst.

**People: How good it is to be chosen by God; we gather to sing our praises and thanks.**

Leader: God has done great things for us; we are glad! Now God is pointing us toward new goals.

**People: We are waiting to hear what God would have us do; we are ready to risk new behaviors to be faithful.**

Leader: Into the wilderness of our lives comes living water. Into the sorrow of our days comes reason for joy.

**People: Forgetting what lies behind, we greet our future; we press on, responding to the upward call of Christ.**

\*INVOCATION (in unison)

**Powerful God, we give thanks that you have called us to be your people. In our times of gloom, you have sent your light. When we are weary and discouraged, you lift us up. In our thirst for meaning and purpose, you bring us to living water in Jesus Christ. Set before us now the joy of discovery and a vision of future possibilities. Unite us in friendship with one another, with Christ as our center and inspiration. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE– Gloria Patri

# 35

MORNING PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

HYMN "Beneath The Cross of Jesus" # 197 (vs 1,3)

SCRIPTURE Pastor Mary  
Philippians 3: 4b-14  
John 12: 1-8 (**NRSV**)

SERMON "Jesus in the Center" Pastor Mary

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The most lavish gifts we can bring are never enough to thank God for all we have received. Yet the tiniest offerings we present do not escape God's notice when presented with full commitment and devotion. Let us give as we are able.

OFFERTORY "Blessed Redeemer"  
(Hall)

\*RESPONSE "Wondrous Love Doxology" (see insert)

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*(\* All who are able, please stand when noted.)*