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**9:15 AM - April 6, 2025 - Fifth Sunday in Lent  
ALIVE! Worship Service**

## INTRODUCTION

*Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.*

### ***O God, You Search Me***

verses 1, 2 & 5



1 O God, you search me and you know me.  
2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing,  
3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,  
5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.  
You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,  
you have known its mean - ing through and through.  
still I search for shel - ter from your light.  
gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:  
and with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:  
You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:  
There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:  
For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.  
in ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.  
God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.  
e - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.  
safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME, Bernadette Farrell

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## You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two parts, Part 1 and Part 2, which are staggered to create a call-and-response effect. The lyrics are: "You are ho - ly; you are might - y; you are wor - thy, you are wor - thy of praise. I will wor - thy, wor - thy of praise. I will fol - low; I will lis - ten; I will fol - low; I will I will love you all of my lis - ten; I will love you". Chords G, C2, Am, and D are indicated above the staff lines.

Songs of personal devotion to Christ have long formed part of congregational song, a tradition continued in this contemporary praise and worship song. The two parts suggest the voices of heart and mind, the latter being distinguished by familiarity with many scriptural images.

D G C2

days. I will sing to and

all of my days. You are Lord of lords; you are

Dsus Em7

wor - ship the King who is

King of kings; you are might - y God, Lord of

G/B C2

wor - thy. I will love and a -

ev - ery - thing. You're Em - man - u - el; you're the

Dsus Em7

dore him; I will bow down be -

great I AM; you're the Prince of Peace, who

G/B C2

fore him. I will sing to and

is the Lamb. You're the liv - ing God; you're my

*continued*

Dsus Em7

wor - ship the King who is  
sav - ing grace; you will reign for - ev - er; you are

G/B C2

wor - thy. I will love and a -  
An - cient of Days. You are Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be -

Dsus Em7

dore him; I will bow down be -  
gin - ning and End. You're my Sav - ior, Mes - si - ah, Re -

Asus A C2

fore him. You're my Prince of Peace, and I will  
deem - er, and Friend. You're my Prince of Peace, and I will

D G

live my life for you.  
live my life for you.

# Spirit, Open My Heart

verses 1 & 3

*Refrain*



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's

2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my

3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and

goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and

friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.

deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.

day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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*Today we welcome Sarah Rybicki (ALIVE!) and John Belle Isle (11:00 service)  
to our Mt. Tabor Family.*

### PRAYERS

#### KYRIE

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

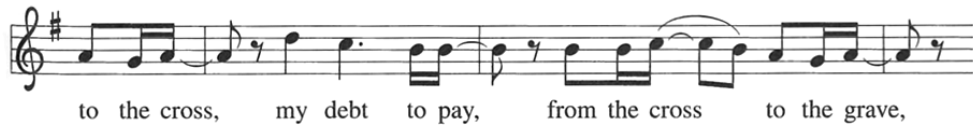
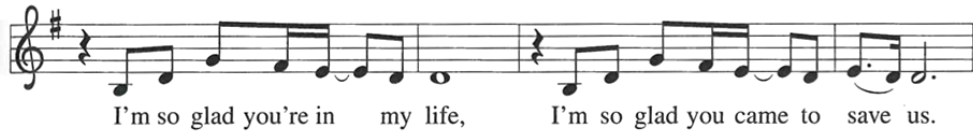
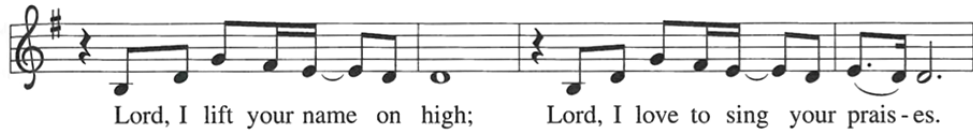
Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*



Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954

Music: Rick Founds

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME  
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## A READING

### Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Philippians.

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.



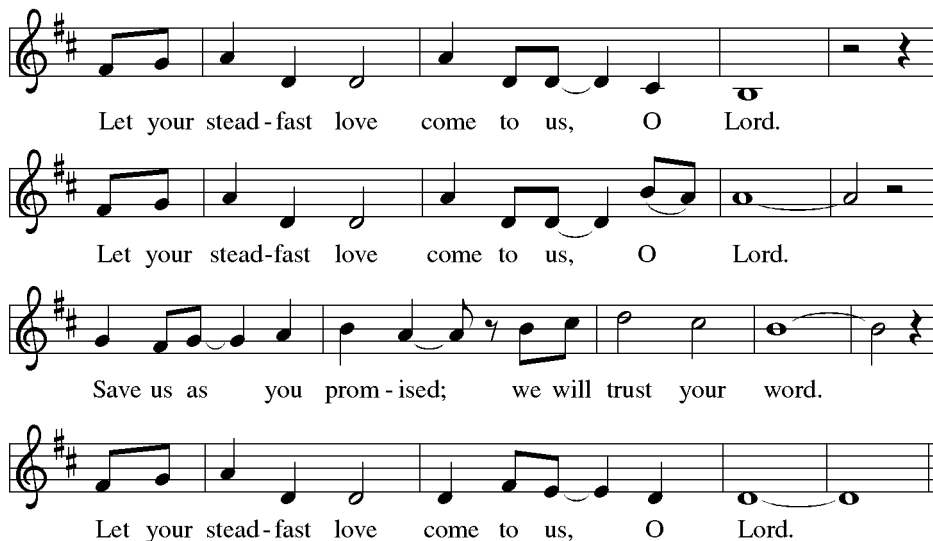
<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## LENTEN ACCLAMATION

*Let Your Steadfast Love Come to Us*



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

## GOSPEL

**John 12:1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

ANTHEM

*Gracefully Broken*

*Redman, K. Torwalt, Myrin, B. Torwalt,  
& Cobbs Leonard/Arr. Cottrell*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

OFFERTORY

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,


and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O

Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12  
Music: CREATE IN ME, anonymous

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

## COMMUNION

# COMMUNION HYMN

## Amazing Love

1 My Lord, what love is this that pays so  
 2 And so they watched him die, de - spised, re -  
 3 And now this love of Christ shall flow like

dear - ly, that I, the guilt - y one, may go free?  
 ject - ed; but, oh, the blood he shed flowed for me.  
 riv - ers; come, wash your guilt a - way, live a - gain.

*Refrain*  
 A - maz - ing love, oh, what sac - ri - fice, the Son of God giv'n for  
 me; my debt he pays and my death he dies, that  
 I might live, that I might live.

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### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

## *Change My Heart, O God*



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953  
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## DISMISSAL

## POSTLUDE

### *ALIVE! Musicians*

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*Beth Branham*

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*Erin Hall*

*Ed Redmond*

*Brett Ebener*

*Vaughn Hall*

*Roxanne Rich*

*Clark Ebener*

## *Worship Assistants*

<i>Communion assistants</i> .....	<i>Megan Lyons, Pam Burnett</i>
<i>Lector</i> .....	<i>Pam Burnett</i>
<i>Greeter</i> .....	<i>Grace Fuson</i>
<i>Usher</i> .....	<i>Nick Skorzewski</i>
<i>Livestream coordinators</i> .....	<i>Pam Hoskins, Kendrick Kerr</i>



The vases of greenery placed on the altar today are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Sue and Mike Morrow, and in honor of my Aunt Nancy Waugh's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday by Nancy Smith.

Today's bulletin covers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mikey Dunlap's birthday, which would have been on April 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope you are still making "bulletin flowers" for all to enjoy. We love you, Chris, Joe and Momma.



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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

### **Isaiah 43:16-21**

*The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.*

- <sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

### **Psalm 126**

- <sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."  
<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.  
<sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.  
<sup>5</sup> Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.  
<sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**Welcome to Mt. Tabor.** We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

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*As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week:* Cody Cooper, Luca Metts, Debra Morris, Norma Rae Blume, Lisa Spigner, Ann Spainhour, Sandra Hutto, Sylvia Nelson Danny Baker, Rhonda White, Julianne Jones, Tim Self, Cathy Crawford, Vicki McFarland, Kristen Stockton, Kristen Pittman, Nellie Phillips, Ed Fuson, Michael Hook, Harry Prim, Emma Lou Easley Sue Jones, Scott Shull, Todd Wilson, Flora Evans, James Hook, Brittany Looby, Matthew Hook Rachel Bundrick, Tripp Owen.

**Most Recent Prayer Concerns:**

Carol Busbee, Kay Smith, Sylvia Nelson, Nancy Stone-Collum, John Conrad, Carolyn Dufries  
Lauren Addy, Linda Price, Kim Pittman, Lynda Mason, Bruce Merchant

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Grace Kelly, Al & Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood, Sandra Baker, Drewby McQuillen, Mary Davis  
Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie  
Dennis Rybicki Jr., Emma Lou Easley, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs, Herman Bouknight  
Jane Sexton, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

**Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:**

Nancy Waugh, Emily Waugh, Sam Waugh, Laura Ann Merrill, Dave Kohr  
Helga Guyton, Judy Lazarczyk, Anne Powers, Mike Baxter, Allan Oliver  
John Holland, Tonia Boland, Misty Smith, Pastor Kenneth Taylor, Salvador Brau  
Johnny Smith, Pam Player, Beth Murphy, Anne Moye, Isabelle Sundlie

**Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:**

Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

**Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:**

Zachery Gayden, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Caleb Neff

**The Family Of:**

Alan Hunter, Betty Wise, David Baldwin, Kenny Skenes

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***Worship Leaders***

*Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation*

*Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music*