

March 17th, 2024

5th Sunday in Lent

Preludes: “If The Lord Builds The House”
 “Come What May”
 “I Am Not Alone”

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

God, no matter what we are dealing with,
you are here among us.

**Your love is steadfast, never ceases
and is always forgiving.**

God, no matter what we are dealing with,
you call us to hope and love.

**Your mercies are far-reaching, covering every
aspect of our self and being.**

God, no matter what we are dealing with,
you always create newness.

**Let us sing in joy for your greatness
and fullness in our lives.**

Opening Prayer:

**Gracious and merciful God, we come before you in our
times of joy and sorrow. Life can be complex and
challenging, but we trust in your faithfulness. You are the
anchor that keeps us steady in the midst of life's storms.
Help us draw nearer to you in our moments of distress and
grant us the strength and courage to face our struggles
with grace. We ask this in the name of the one who weeps
with us and offers us the promise of a new dawn. Amen.**

*Song of Praise “Mighty To Save”

Children's Message “A Clean Slate”

Joys and Concerns
Prayers for the People
The Lord's Prayer
*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

Old Testament Lesson: Lamentations 3:19-24
Reader: The word of God, For the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Offertory

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**Lord, sometimes life can be hard but you, Lord, are always
good! So, it is with joy and gratitude that we offer to you
these our tithes and offerings and ask that you use them to
further your kingdom here on earth. We rejoice that our
gifts will be used to bless others in the name of Jesus. It is
in his precious name that we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH 140

Message:

Through the Valley
A Lenten Worship Series Week 5
“Lament and Hope”

Music Ministry

“Even If”

*Hymn

“My Hope Is Built”

UMH 368

Postlude:

*22 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
23 They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
24 I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him.”
~Lamentations 3:22-24~*

**“Making Disciples of
Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the
world.”**

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**“All are welcome,
none are turned away!”**



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