



Sunday, March 21, 2021 ~ 5th Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Way of the Week #15

15. WELCOME CHANGE. Be curious about new ideas, perspectives, and approaches. Get excited by the possibilities that change can bring. What worked in the past won't always work in the future, for God is doing new things.

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun." (II Corinthians 5: 17)

Ideas for Action: This is a simple one, so try it. Sit in a different pew in the Sanctuary or seat in Miller Commons next Sunday. See what happens.

Welcome and Work of God's People

Kelly LePenske

The Ten Commandments

Kelly LePenske

Music in Preparation for Worship

Prelude in D Major

Vikram Joshi, Harpsichord

J.S. Bach BWV 925

Call to Worship

Frantz Constant

My dear friends, listen, the trumpet of God's Word sounds, calling us to examine our souls.

For we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways.

For we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.

The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts.

For we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power. Come, let us worship the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration

Frantz Constant

Call to Confession

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Time for Personal Confession (*pron. KEE-ree-yay*)

Kyrie

from Lutheran Hymnal

Sam Scheibe, Solo

Soprano – Janet Wilkie, Grace Rykaczewski, Leah Rykaczewski, Elizabeth Litton

Alto – Gwen Wilkie, Karen Molloy

Tenor – Fernando Mancillas, Sam Scheibe

Bass – Frank Mitchell

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have not done. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us that we may delight in Your will and walk in your ways to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse nor will He harbor His anger forever. He does not treat us as our sins deserve nor repay us according to our iniquities.

“For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

Believe and receive God’s lavish Good News: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Welcome of New Members

Gayle Payne & Rev. Spencer

Anthem (*Ensemble grouped by siblings and social connections*)

God and Dog

Francisco/Arr. Joel Krott

Kathy Gunsallus, Piano

Choristers Ensemble – Brayden LaMonica, Addison LaMonica, Vivian Allen, Ava Ford, Addison Ford, Bethany Trzeciak, Juliet Barton, Lilly Rykaczewski, Ava Callahan, Sophia Gandy, Naomi Gandy, Nadia Kalifa

I look up and I see God; I look down and see my dog.
Simple spelling G O D, same word backwards D O G.
They would stay with me all day; I’m the one who walks away.
But both of them just wait for me and dance at my return with glee.

Both love me no matter what; Divine God and canine mutt.
I take it hard each time I fail, but God forgives; dog wags his tail.
God thought up and made the dog. Dog reflects a part of God.
I’ve seen love from both sides now - It’s everywhere. Amen, bow-wow.

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer (*‘debts’*)

Kelly LePenske

Offertory

Kelly LePenske

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Offertory Music

Holy Woman, Graceful Giver

Cherwein

Soprano – Janet Wilkie, Grace Rykaczewski, Leah Rykaczewski, Elizabeth Litton
Alto – Gwen Wilkie, Karen Molloy
Tenor – Fernando Mancillas, Sam Scheibe
Bass – Frank Mitchell
Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Holy woman, graceful giver, prophet, servant, and believer,
Woman with the ointment jar.
Rose up near the time appointed; broke the seal, Christ's head anointed
for the coming fatal hour.
Like the vessel, we are broken; like the ointment, we are token
of God's loving unto death.
Like the woman, we are serving; like the scolders, ill deserving,
such a rich, forgiving faith.
In these jars is hidden treasure, costly fragrance, Christly pleasure,
like the Christ, first from the dead.
Broken for creation's wholeness, poured out for its coming fullness,
Prophet, Servant, Hope and Head.
Holy woman, costly treasure, with the jar of alabaster,
shows the hidden gift we are.
Therefore, let us, as Christ's servants, hold our sister in remembrance,
woman with the ointment jar.

Sermon

Rev. Spencer

"What a Waste!"

Scripture Text: [John 12: 1-8 \(NLT\)](#)

Chapter 7 from [The Good and Beautiful Community](#): "The Generous Community"

Music in Preparation for Service

O Lord, My God

Dupré

Layla Joshi, Organ

Benediction and Going Forth

Frantz Constant

Those in the Sanctuary are invited to leave an offering in the offering box located at the back of the narthex. Online gifts may also be made directly from the Church Center app on your smart phone.

Special Music (presented by video)

Charles Bass

Time to Pray

Charles Bass, vocalist

9:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Audio Technician:	Harris E. Ransom
Live Video Streaming:	Harris A. Ransom
Flower Arrangers:	Stacy Schaffer and Carol Benner
Ushers:	Dave Rebuck, Leonard Fitts, Gary Bender, James Clinton, Michael Welch
Trustee Greeter:	Wendy Dougherty
Seminary Interns:	Frantz Constant, Beth Douglass

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given by Jane Murphy on behalf of Kim Murphy, in loving memory of Kim's mother, Gwen Murphy.

NEW: Live Stream Check-In -- In an effort to gather data regarding our Sunday live stream, viewers are asked to check in on their smart phone by using the Church Center App. (At this time, Check-in is not available on the computer.) It just takes a few seconds. When watching the live stream from anywhere on Sunday morning:

1. Open the Church Center App on your phone or device. Select the "Check-In" icon (bottom right).
2. Tap the service you are viewing (will say '**Sunday Morning Live Stream**' in the title).
3. Check in yourself and your family members. That's it! Our reports will tell us you were watching.

Holy Week Schedule ([See our events page and website](#))

- **Palm Sunday, March 28:** 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship - *Miller Commons, in-person*; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - *Sanctuary, in-person* as we herald Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Fish banks for *One Great Hour of Sharing* are returned this Sunday as a Lenten offering or use electronic-giving dropdown.
- **Maundy Thursday, April 1:** 7:00 p.m. with the Lord's Supper; Beth Douglass preaches this meaningful service of the Last Supper - *Miller Commons, live stream only*.
- **Good Friday Tenebrae Worship, April 2:** 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Worship; Frantz Constant preaching. Tenebrae features a gradual extinguishing of candles and "strepitus" or loud noise taking place in the darkness - *Sanctuary, in-person worship*.
- **Easter, April 4:** He is Risen! 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship at the Cemetery Cross, Lord's Supper (in-person outside); 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship – *Miller Commons, live stream only*; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - *Sanctuary, live stream only*.

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