

Worship Guide 5th Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021

WELCOME



OPENING HYMN: Out of the depths

FWS #2136

*Out of the depths, O God, we call to you. Wounds of the past remain, affecting all we do.
Facing our lives, we need your love so much, Here in this community, heal us by your touch.*

*Out of the depths of fear, O God, we speak. Breaking the silences, the searing truth we seek.
Safe among friends, our grief and rage we share. Here in this community, hold us in your care.*

*Out of the loving heart, we praise your name. Dance through our lives and loves; anoint with Spirit flame.
Your light illumines each familiar face. Here in this community, meet us with your grace.*

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, forgive us, for we are fragmented persons. We go many directions at once.
We seek opposite goals; we serve contradictory causes. We mouth liberation, we live oppression.
We shout peace, we practice violence and anarchy. We shout justice, we walk in injustice.
We preach love, we practice hate. Through your compassion have mercy on us and make us whole.
Enable us to discern your voice among the dissonant voices.**

From Bread of Tomorrow, edited by Janet Morely, pp. 150 – 151.

Scripture reading: Psalm 51: 1 – 12

*51¹⁻³ Generous in love—God, give grace Huge in mercy—wipe out my bad record.
Scrub away my guilt, soak out my sins in your laundry.
I know how bad I've been; my sins are staring me down.*

*4-6 You're the One I've violated, and you've seen it all, seen the full extent of my evil.
You have all the facts before you; whatever you decide about me is fair.
I've been out of step with you for a long time, in the wrong since before I was born.
What you're after is truth from the inside out. Enter me, then; conceive a new, true life.*

*7-12 Soak me in your laundry and I'll come out clean, scrub me and I'll have a snow-white life.
Tune me in to foot-tapping songs, set these once-broken bones to dancing.
Don't look too close for blemishes, give me a clean bill of health.
God, make a fresh start in me, shape a Genesis week from the chaos of my life.
Don't throw me out with the trash, or fail to breathe holiness in me.
Bring me back from gray exile, put a fresh wind in my sails!*

MESSAGE: *Dust, Declutter, and Delight*

SONG BEFORE & AFTER TIME OF PRAYER: Nothing can trouble

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten
God alone fills us.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (after each time of silence, we'll finish with the words "Lord in your mercy" and you are invited to respond, "**Hear our prayer.**")

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

This is an opportunity to share the goodness that has been given to you. Consider sending an offering to PO Box 630, Skowhegan, ME 04976. You are also invited to support an organization or church in our local community that is making a positive difference in people's lives.

CLOSING HYMN: *She Comes Sailing on the Wind*

FWS #2122

Refrain:

She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun; On a journey just begun, she flies on.

And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the night, Full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth, like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.

And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth, like a mother breathing life into her child.

Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.

Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight, and then down the ages still she flew on.

Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world, after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,

The Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled, bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on.

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Clothes Closet and CUP Café open Wednesdays 9 am –12PM & 5pm to 7pm

Free Community Drive Thru Meal: Tuesday, March 23rd 5-6 PM

Corned Beef Hash and Eggs w/ dessert

Call 207-474-3915

Leave name, phone number, number of meals.

Pick up time 5-6 pm that evening.