

**Benediction**

**Three-fold Amen**

**Closing Hymn**

*Christ, the Life of All the Living*

ELW #339 (vss. 1 & 3)

**Sending:**

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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***Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!***

*“If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member or the church office.”*

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022; 9:30 am

Fifth Sunday in Lent

### **Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements** *(Please sign the fellowship pads as they are passed)*

**Confession and Forgiveness** ELW p. 94

**Opening Hymn** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* ELW #335

### **Prayer of the Day (All)**

**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.**

### **First Lesson**

Isaiah 43:16-21

Nancy Johnson

<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

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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.

## Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

[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.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Change My Heart, O God*

ELW #801

## Gospel

John 12:1-8

Pastor Greg Johnson

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

<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.”

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

## Children's Sermon

Beth Flier

## Sermon

“To that Rock I'm Clinging”

Pastor Greg Johnson

## Hymn of the Day

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

ELW #763

## Prayers of the Church

### Offering

*(The children's offering basket will be on the front steps of the church, so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*



### Offertory Hymn

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

ELW #685 (vss. 1-3, 6)

### Offertory Prayer

L: Extravagant God,

C: **you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.**

**Now we gather at your feast**

**where you offer us the food that satisfies.**

**Take and use what we offer here, come among us,**

**and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,**

**in whose name we pray.**

**Amen.**

### Holy Communion

+Words of Institution

+Lord's Prayer

+Distribution Hymn

+Blessing

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

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