

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

A Service of Baptism,  
Communion, Healing &  
Laying on of Hands

April 3, 2022



## GATHERING & SHARING

### HANDBELL INTROIT

### WELCOME &

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lisa Stedman

### WELCOMING HYMN

“Come and Find a Quiet Center”

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Come and find a quiet center in the crowded life we lead.  
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed.  
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;  
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace.

In the pastures of God's goodness, we lie down to rest our soul.  
In baptismal waters of God's love, we are welcomed to God's fold.  
At the table of God's presence, we as saints are richly fed.  
In receiving God's anointing, onto service we are led.

### LIFTING OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

Rev. Lisa

Prayer of Invocation

Our Savior's Prayer

**Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### A SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Invitation and Pastoral Words

Vows of Covenant

Parental Vows

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\*Congregational Vow (unison)

**On behalf of the whole Christian Church, we rejoice in having this family as part of the love and care of the church. Today, we promise to be a Christian community that affirms Hannah as a child of God and nurtures all children in faith. We promise to support these parents in the fulfillment of their vows, and to be a community of care in good times and struggles. As a part of the worldwide church, we promise to encourage love for God and neighbor, and to be servants of justice, peace, and hope, in Christ's name.**

Prayer for God's Blessing

The Sacrament of Baptism

One: ... we baptize you in the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: We baptize you in the name of the One whom we know as Creator, Christ, and Spirit; and we bless you in the name of hope, love and joy.**

Baptismal Prayer

One: We give you thanks, O Holy One, Mother and Father of all the faithful... Grant us grace to receive, nurture and befriend these children as members of the body of Christ.

**All: Hannah, we welcome you to the covenant of the church of Jesus Christ. May your baptism be a blessing that will always remind you of God's grace and love. May you grow to serve God and people well, and may all who know you, be aware that God's grace abounds in you. Amen.**

Presentation of Gifts

Sung Baptismal Response "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

Child of blessing, child of promise, love's creation, love indeed!

Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.

Back to God we humbly offer you, blessing you in Jesus' name.

**SHARING A BIBLE STORY**

Jesus' Healing Hands

Rev. Lisa

**READING FROM SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 23

Dale Miller Bouton & All

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

**You make me lie down in green pastures; and lead me beside still waters;**

**You restore my soul.**

**You lead me in paths of righteousness, for Your name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;**

**you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

**SHARING IN PRAYER**

Hands Writing Silent Prayers for Healing & Peace

Praying for God's Blessing and Forgiveness

**God of grace and power, help us in this time of worship to be touched by your presence and your hope. Forgive us when we give in to despair and hopelessness, rather than trusting in your ability to nurture and heal. Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life in the midst of all the brokenness we experience. Touch us with your healing care, renew us with your grace and ground us with your Spirit. Empower us to live with assurance and hope in the power of your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Hearing Assurance of God's Grace

**SEEKING HEALING AND NURTURE AT CHRIST'S TABLE**

Communion Anthem

*In Remembrance of Me*

by Beryl Red &

SCC Choir

Ragan Courtney

Words of Invitation

Rev. Lisa

Prayers and Words of Institution

Coming Forward to Receive

*(As you are able, please come forward to receive communion. We will receive the elements by taking a piece of bread and in turn by taking a cup. After you have received, please place your cup in the appropriate return tray. All are then invited to visit a prayer station. A Deacon will come to those who remain in their seats, to offer communion and prayer. Please note: Today, all our bread is gluten-free.)*

Sharing Prayers for Healing

All

With Our Written Petitions

*(place your written prayers in the basket)*

By Lighting a Candle

*(light a candle on the table)*

With Individual Prayer and Laying on of Hands

*(visit a prayer station for a brief personal prayer and laying on of hand)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All

**God, we give you thanks for all the ways you have touched us here in body, mind and spirit. We are deeply grateful for the blessings of your table and for the love we share in the covenant of baptism. Receive all the prayers we offer for the healing of your people and your world, and send us out to be your hands and Spirit of hope and power, in the midst of this world in need. Amen.**

**SHARING OUR CLOSING HYMN** “Now We’ve Gathered at Your Table”

Now we’ve gathered at your table, and we’ve listened to your Word,  
Help us God, to know your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with your sacred story help us claim it as our own;  
Teach us through your holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
That we all may share your Spirit in this world for which you prayed.

**SHARING A BLESSING**

Rev. Lisa

**POSTLUDE**

Nancy Rexford



*Today in baptism, we welcome with joy and thanksgiving:*

*Hannah Elizabeth Kunert*

**Parents:** Jessie Elizabeth Zuberek & Christian Markus Kunert

**Godparents:** Melissa Pugliese & Klaus van Leyen

**Grandparents:** Mark & Eleanor Zuberek, Peter & Aleksandra Kunert



Today’s hymn lyrics are from several different hymns written by different authors:  
Shirely Erena Murray, Marva J. Dawn, Ronald S. Cole-Turner, and Carl P. Daw Jr.

Adaptations by LW Stedman

All lyrics are set to the tune BEACH SPRING.

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