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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – April 6, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND TOLLING OF THE BELL

CHORAL INTROIT

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us gather at the feet of Jesus, like Mary, offering our love and devotion.

We bring the fragrance of our worship, pouring out our hearts before Him.

In the presence of Christ, may we set aside distractions and focus on the One who gives life.

With gratitude and reverence, we lift our voices in praise and adoration.

HYMN #109 O, How I Love Jesus

#### CONFESSION

Merciful God, like Judas, we often question acts of extravagant love. We hold back our devotion, clinging to selfish desires and earthly concerns. We fail to recognize the beauty of worship and the call to serve You with our whole hearts. Forgive us for the times we have placed our own priorities above Your will. Teach us to pour out our love for You without hesitation.

#### **ASSURANCE**

Jesus does not condemn us but calls us to deeper love and devotion. Just as Mary's offering was accepted, so too is our

repentant heart received with grace. In Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Amen.

#734 GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE John 12: 1-11

**MEDITATION** 

CHOIR ANTHEM "He Will Hold Me Fast"

HOLY COMMUNION

PASTORAL PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

# OFFERING / OFFERING RESPONSE Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above the heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious and loving God, like Mary, we long to offer You our very best. Take these gifts – our time, our talents, and our resources – and use them for Your glory. Amen.

HYMN #261 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION (#250, verses 1 and 5) Throughout these Lenten days and nights, we turn to walk the inward way, where, meeting Christ, our guide and light, we live in hope 'til Easter Day.

So let us choose the path of one who wore, for us, the crown of thorn, and slept in death that we might wake to life on Resurrection Morn!

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Steve & Karen Konya in memory of Stanley & Violet Breidinger, Stephen & Edith Konya and Elaine & Jim Diamond.

CHURCH LIBRARY will be open on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 9-10:30 am and the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7 pm.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Thursday at 10 am.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

7 Michael Miller 6 Fam & Ray Fearson

9 Gerald Caffrey

9 Dale & Nancy Mengel

10 Luke Calfrey

11 Seth Fehr

GIVING 3/30/25--\$886.00 TOTAL GIVING YTD--\$9,714.00

3/30/25 MEMBER ATTENDANCE—35 3/30/25—TOTAL ATTENDANCE—41 YTD MEMBER ATTENDANCE AVERAGE—28 YTD TOTAL ATTENDANCE AVERAGE--33