



SOTC Worship  
March 17, 2024  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

————— GATHERING —————

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

AS THE WINTER DAYS GROW LONGER



1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;  
2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,  
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light—  
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer—  
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:  
Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - freshed from sin.  
Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.



God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!  
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!  
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathered in the presence of God and of one another, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray -

**O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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## WORD

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## STORYTELLING

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.*

READINGS: JEREMIAH 31:31-34, PSALM 119:9-16, HEBREWS 5:5-10

*In response to the readings:*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-33

*The Gospel is announced:*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

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APOSTLES CREED

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.*

————— **MEAL** —————

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.*

*Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.*

LAMB OF GOD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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