

March 21, 2021

# Fifth Sunday in Lent



Yellow Haystacks, Paul Gauguin, 1889

We are filled with joy at your presence and hope you experience God's Spirit as you worship and meet with those around you. If you would like more information about RPC, please talk with any Session member or the Pastor.

## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

**Bold Letters -- Indicate congregational response**

### GATHERING

#### Invocation

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

**#452**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you;  
I want to see you; (x 2)  
  
to see you high and lifted up,  
shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love  
as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."  
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#### Welcome

#### Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

*Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

**#423 (v.1)**

<sup>1</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God;  
create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

*Silence is kept for personal confession*

#### Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, God in your Kindness  
In your compassion blot out my offense  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin

My offenses truly I know them  
my sin is always before me  
against you, you alone, have I sinned  
what is evil in your sight I have done

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit  
Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervor sustain me.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

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**Lo, I am with you till the end of the world (x2)**

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## **THE WORD**

### **A Time with the Children**

#### **First Reading**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**Lay Leader:** Amy Macomber

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Gospel**

**John 12:20-33**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much

fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Risk and Faith**

**Lenten Response**

***Stay with Me***

**#204**

**Stay with me; remain here with me;**

**watch and pray.**

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## **RESPONDING**

**Invitation to Present Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow***

**#606**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of compassion,  
we praise you that you look upon our delicate lives  
with love and understanding,  
and that you desire for us all  
new life in Jesus Christ.  
We are overwhelmed by your love,  
which goes to the cross,  
endures the grave,  
and leads us to new life.  
By your Spirit,  
strengthen our souls  
to be brave and bold in Christ’s service.

Take our offerings,  
and use them and us for your purposes,  
in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our crucified and risen Lord.

**Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

*Come, Bring Your Burdens to God*

**#851**

Come, bring your burdens to God;  
come, bring your burdens to God;  
come, bring your burdens to God,  
for Jesus will never say no.

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the  
power and the glory, forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**Opportunities for Service and Fellowship**

**Sending Hymn**

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## **Blessing and Charge**

May the Spirit of the triune God  
strengthen and sustain you,  
all throughout these forty days  
and into the life that is to come.

Go in peace,  
proclaiming the message of reconciliation  
God has entrusted to us.

**Thanks be to God, Amen.**

## **Response**

***Be Still and Know That I Am God***

**#414**

**Be still and know that I am God.**

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## **Postlude**