***Mid-week Lenten Service***

**5th Wednesday of Lent March 30, 2022**

**Greeting** *1 Peter 1*

*So prepare your minds for service. With complete self-control put all your hope in the grace*

*that will be yours when Jesus Christ comes. In the past you did not have the understanding*

*you have now, so you did the evil things you wanted to do. But now you are children of God,*

*so you should obey him and not live the way you did before. Be holy in everything you do,*

*just as God is holy. He is the one who chose you. In the Scriptures God says, “Be holy,*

*because I am holy.”*

**Hymn** *“Take Time to Be Holy”*

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
 Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.  
 By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide, and run not before him, whatever betide.  
 In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
 Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love, thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Most merciful God, we confess that 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.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways,**

**to the glory of Your name. Amen.**

**Words of Forgiveness**

**Hymn of Thanks** *“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”*

Ask ye what great thing I know, that delights and stirs me so?

What the high reward I win? Whose the name I glory in? Jesus Christ, the crucified.

This is that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so:  
faith in him who died to save, him who triumphed o'er the grave: Jesus Christ, the crucified.

**Psalter** *Psalm 119*

*Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path.*

*I will keep my solemn promise to obey your just instructions.*

*My sufferings, Lord, are terrible indeed; keep me alive, as you have promised.*

*Accept my prayer of thanks, O Lord, and teach me your commands.*

*I am always ready to risk my life; I have not forgotten your law.*

*The wicked lay a trap for me, but I have not disobeyed your commands.*

*Your commandments are my eternal possession; they are the joy of my heart.*

*I have decided to obey your laws until the day I die.*

**Chorus** *“Thy Word Is a Lamp”*

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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**Gospel Lesson** *St. John 17:11-19*

[Jesus continued to pray] I’m no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I’m coming to you.

Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one

just as we are one. **12**When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name

you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined

for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled. **13**Now I’m coming to you and I say these things

while I’m in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. **14**I gave your word to them

and the world hated them, because they don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong

to this world. **15**I’m not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe

from the evil one. **16**They don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world.

**17**Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. **18**As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them

into the world. **19**I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

**Reflections**

**Prayer**

**Hymn** *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock  
 within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
 from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One  
 who suffered there for me; and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:  
 the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than  
 the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
 my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

**Benediction**

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*We are glad that you are with us tonight.*

*Please be reminded that each Wednesday during this season of Lent*

*we will gather, via Zoom, at 7 PM.*