

Order of Worship
April 02, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship: (responsively) (based on Psalm 121)

Leader: We lift up our eyes to the hills — from where will our help come?

People: Our help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Our God will not let our feet be moved; he who keeps us will not slumber.

People: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The LORD is our keeper; the LORD is our shade at our right hand.

People: The LORD will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

All: Therefore we will sing praises to the Lord, our God!

*Hymn: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" # 483

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Merciful God, 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 hearts and minds and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to change what we are and direct what we shall be by the power of your Spirit so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways in all areas of our lives, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Confession Response: "Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us." # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: John 3:19-21

Sermon: "Piercing the Darkness" Michael Costner

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" # 366

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn: "Come, Great God of All the Ages" # 132

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response: "Amen"