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9:45 AM

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

***Everything [in] Between*<sup>1</sup>  
*Righteousness & Mercy***

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTRODUCTION TO THEME**

**PRELUDE**

*Jesus Paid It All*

arr. Schram

**POEM**

*Gray*

written by Cindy Hogentogler & read by Jesse Smith

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: We come to worship because we long for mercy.

**C: We long for community. We long for God.**

L: We come to worship because we need a good word.

**C: We need connection. We need moral reminders.**

L: We come to worship because we are in between:

**C: hope and grief, faith and doubt, joy and longing, curiosity and**

**conviction.**

L: So we come to worship and God meets us here.

**C: Surely, we are not alone. Thanks be to God for meeting us in the middle! Amen.**

\*GATHERING HYMN NCH # 207 ( see below)

*Just As I Am*

# Just As I Am

Charlotte Elliott, 1836

William B. Bradbury, 1849

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**Piano** 

1. Just as I am, with - out one  
2. Just as I am, though tossed a -  
3. Just as I am, you will re -  
4. Just as I am, your love un -

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plea but that your blood was shed for  
- bout with man - y a con - flict, many a  
- ceive, will wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re -  
- known has bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier

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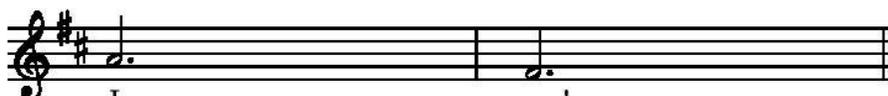
me, And that you called in - vit - ing  
doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
- lieve; Be - cause your prom - ise I be -  
down; Now to be yours, and yours a -

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me, O Lamb of God, I come,  
- out, O Lamb of God, I come,  
- lieve, O Lamb of God, I come,  
- lone, O Lamb of God, I come,

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I come!  
I come!  
I come!  
I come!

## \*TIME OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**C: Merciful God, when we fail to be righteous, show us mercy. When we fail to be merciful, show us what is right. Again and again, bring us closer to you. Again and again, show us the way. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Family of faith, hear and believe this good news: When we fail to be righteous,

**C: God is merciful.**

L: When we fail to be merciful,

**C: God invites us to try again.**

L: Again and again,

**C: God moves closer to us.**

L: Again and again,

**C: God shows us the way.**

L: This day you are forgiven --we are forgiven once again.

**C: Thanks be to God for this unending love. Amen.**

\***ACT OF PRAISE UM HYMNAL # 558** (refrain, v. 2, refrain, see below) *We Are the Church*

**ALL SING: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!**

**We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.**

**I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

*Luke 19:1-10 (CEB)*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY (see next page)

*Righteous Mercy*

# Righteous Mercy

Words: Anna Strickland, 2024

Prichard, 1830

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♩ = 80

Piano

1. Since our child - hood you have taught us what is  
2. Though there's wide - ness in your mer - cy, let us  
3. Far too of - ten we hold on - to an - ger

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wrong and what is right. Nur - tur - ing our sense of ju -stice,  
not a - buse that grace. Called in - to this Chris -tian jour -ney,  
dressed as righ - teous - ness. We for - get we serve a God who

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fuel - ing us to work and fight. Keep that fire for jus - tice  
let our lives re - flect our faith. When we fal - ter and fall  
calls us to re - la - tion - ship. So when those who caused us

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burn - ing in the sha - dow of our fear. E - ven there your  
short of our com - mit - ment to your will hold us, wrap - ping  
harm re - pent and choose a bet - ter way, Spir - it move our

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Spi - rit's stir - ring, light - ing us a path that's clear.  
us in your love as we work toward whole - ness still.  
venge - ful hearts \_\_\_\_\_ to choose love in - stead of wrath.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

Deep, Wondrous Love

arr. Schram

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 504 UM HYMNAL (see below)

The Old Rugged Cross

# The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard, 1913

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**Piano**  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross, the  
 2. O that old rug-ged cross, so de-spised by the world, has a  
 3. In that old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di-vine, a  
 4. To the old rug-ged cross I will ev-er be true, its

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em-blem of suf-fering and shame; and I love that old cross where the  
 won-drous at-trac-tion for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his  
 won-drous beau-ty I see, for 'twas on that old cross Je-sus  
 shame and re-proach glad-ly bear; then he'll call me some day to my

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dear-est and best for a world of lost sin-ners was slain. So I'll  
 glo-ry a-bove to bear it to dark Cal-va-ry.  
 suf-fered and died, to par-don and sanc-ti-fy me.  
 home far a-way, where his glo-ry for-ev-er I'll share.

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cher-ish the old rug-ged cross, till my tro-phies at last I'll lay down; I will

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cling to the old rug-ged cross and ex-change it some-day for a crown.

**References**

<sup>1</sup>The Worship Liturgy was by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

<sup>2</sup>The Poem *Gray* was written by Cindy Hogentogler

Thank you to our Lenten team for decorating the altar and providing the structure for our Lenten services. The Lent team members are Andrea Adams, Cindy Hogentogler, Sandy King, & Pastor Amy.

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