

CHILMARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

MEDITATION

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Ps 126:5

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

Centering Quiet

Introit Spirit of the Living God #393

Call To Worship *(Please stand as you are able)

One: On these days of Lenten journey,

All: Christ goes with us side by side.

One: While we gather here for worship,

All: May our lives be focused with praise and care.

One: As we sing, pray and listen,

All: May God's Spirit deep within us come alive.

One: And may this time of worship,

All: Be for us a constant guide.

One: Now let us sing with joy and vigor,

All: As we learn how to serve Christ more fully.

*Hymn Seek Ye First #405

Song: *Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing—you are my own.*

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer (together, seated)

Loving God, your love for us is deep, holding strong even as we struggle for truth, even as we gamble on other paths, even as we are ready to give up. Walk with us this Lenten season and help us see beyond all that distracts us. Keep our eyes focused on Jesus, who remained faithful to the One who is always working for good. Hold us in your grace, tender God, and bring us to Easter with open hearts and ready lives. Hear

us as we pray together saying, 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. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scriptures
Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

Sermon Making a Way Rev. Stoddard

Interlude

Postlude

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

THANKSGIVING

The Offering

*Doxology #95

*Unison Offering Prayer

God of mystery, you come to us through the love of Christ. God of grace, you come to us in the presence of the Holy Spirit. You come to us with abundance beyond words. Let us respond by meeting you at this time and in this place with gifts of gratitude for the love of God, the life of Jesus and the movement of the Holy Spirit among us. Amen.

*Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #127

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (insert)

*Hymn It Is Well with My Soul #377

Benediction (seated)

Please join us in the Parish Hall for Fellowship after the service

Reverend Janet L Stoddard, Minister
Sean McMahon Minister of Music