



5th Sunday in Lent
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GATHERING TOGETHER

Whether you are worshiping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the **bold** portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.
The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

PRELUDE

Sleepers, Wake!

Charles Callahan

The Art of Hymn Playing

MorningStar Music Publishers, 2006

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mamie Broadhurst

INTROIT

O Send Out Your Light

Charles Callahan

Birnamwood Publications, 2018

*O send out your light and your truth,
that they may lead me and bring me
unto your holy hill and to your dwelling.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pre-K - 5th Graders

Lighting the Candle

Breath Prayer: *Inhale:* I am a gift.

***Exhale:* Help me to give.**

*HYMN No. 273

He Is King of Kings

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jan Risher

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy One,

**When the world feels like it is coming apart at the seams,
we often ask the wrong questions:
wanting to know how we can control situations for our own benefit,
how to hold on to our image, our history, our power, or
when you will fix everything to match the way we imagine it should be.
We forget to follow you faithfully and trust your kingdom is coming.
Forgive us when we give up on your way
and choose to invest in the way things are instead.
Forgive us when we are tempted to withdraw from the world
and leave it to self-destruct.
Forgive us when we think there's nothing we can do to make a difference.**

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**Remind us once again that we do not control your timing,
but we do have a role in your vision
for a new heaven and a new earth.
May we be faithful to your way,
in every small moment that adds up,
in preparation for your coming.
We pray this all in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

**We can come before God again and again with our sins and regrets.
God's response will always be, "I love you."
God forgives us -
more than we often believe or imagine.
God's grace and mercy are from everlasting to everlasting.
In Christ we are all new creations.**

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Hymn 439 vs. 5

**Unto such as keep God's cov'nant
and are steadfast in God's way;
unto those who still remember
the commandments and obey.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

Matthew 6:25-34

SERMON

Julius Tipton

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 372

O For a World

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION

ANTHEM

My Lord What a Morning

Arr. Melva W. Costen

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*My Lord, what a morning;
When the stars begin to fall.
You'll hear the trumpet sound,
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,*

*When the stars begin to fall. Refrain
You'll hear the Christian shout,
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall. Refrain*

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Eternal God,
Whatever the state of the world, your call is the same:
to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.
We dedicate the time, talents and treasure we offer today
to be used for exactly those purposes.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN No. 384**

Soon and Very Soon

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**God is...
Everywhere.**

POSTLUDE

***Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending*
J. Wayne Kerr
Of the Father's Love
*Concordia Publishing House, 2010***



The flowers this morning are
presented to the glory of God
and in celebration of
our 47th wedding anniversary
by Julie and Dave Laune



Payer Requests

To add a name, remove a name, or update information on our prayer list, please contact the church office by noon on Wednesday at cdurham@upcbr.org.

**Lois Liggett • Gary Meise • Ruth Bivins • Gerard Klein
Alan Williams • Kathy Poché • Melanie Driscoll • Cheryl Whitting
Our Cuba Partners • Kathy Rossman • Mickey Rose Braud Zaitoon
Lynn Nichols Dull • Fay Coco • Cody Lucero**

- Linda Clark's friend, **Susan Griffin and her family**, at the sudden loss of her son, Parker
- **Ashley De Graaf**, sister of Lois Kuyper-Rushing's daughter-in-law Whitney Rushing, experiencing a difficult pregnancy
- **Thomas Wilson and family**, friends of Mamie Broadhurst, as Thomas fights infection after cancer surgery
- **Ryan Woodworth**, friend of Caroline Robertson-Newton & Tyler Newton, hospitalized at The Shepherd Center in Atlanta following a debilitating automobile accident
- **Jeremy Walters**, son of a friend of Susan Seifert's, discharged from rehab and undergoing home therapies
- **Eddie Sylvester**, brother of Anne Cramer, struggling with anxiety after a new, difficult health diagnosis
- **Prosper Ngabonziza**, faculty co-worker of Kathy Perry, recovering from a stroke
- **Ella Rein Wheeler** who fell and **Koreen Walker** receiving treatment for leukemia, friends of Barbara H, Peggy C, Julie L., and Deanna B.
- **Al and Jane Meador**, brother-in-law and sister of Lee Jenkins, as Al has been discharged from the hospital to a Rehab unit in Laurel, Mississippi
- **Angela Simpson**, sister of Tom Shelton's son-in-law, at the end of her life
- **Julio Pina**, nephew of Jan Risher and Julio Naudin, with multiple brain tumors
- **Michael Babin**, diagnosed with cancer, former student of Faimon Roberts
- **Clara Larson**, sister of Karen Paterson, recovering from a broken kneecap
- **Thyra Sealey**, Lorinda's sister, undergoing diagnostic testing
- **Corrie Hale's Dad, Conrad**, diagnosed with inoperable cancer on his spine
- **RJ LeBlanc**, father of Kathie Pohlman's 'Bonus Daughter,' Nikki, with lung cancer
- **Joellen Hawkins**, Aunt of Emily Cogburn, with Alzheimer's
- **Craig Fisher**, Anita Melon's brother in law, with Lewy-Body dementia
- **Jo and her family**, friends of Robbie Phillabaum, experiencing difficult times
- **Hugh Huffman**, friend of Rosemary John, undergoing treatment for cancer
- **Mark McCulloch**, relative of Brannon Costello, recovering from serious burns
- **Rev. Adelaida Jiménez and the efforts toward peace in Colombia**
- **All those affected by war - Ukraine, Middle East, and beyond**
- **All those affected by gun violence**
- **All families affected by Huntington's Disease**
- **All hospice patients and their families**
- **All those who suffer with mental illness and emotional disorders**
- **Those who are affected by alcoholism and addiction**
- **Men and women serving in the armed forces**
- **Those who are going through separation or divorce**
- **Those who are affected by domestic violence**

The Rev. Dr. Julius R. “Tip” Tipton is an honorably retired PC(USA) minister. He is currently “pastor-on-the-loose” at St. James Place, Baton Rouge.



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