



Northside Presbyterian Church
Blacksburg, Virginia
Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 26, 2023

PERSONAL MEDITATION TIME

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Come, let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

HYMN*

“Come, Worship God”

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**1 Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;
enter God’s presence with thanks and a song!
You are the rock of your people’s salvation
to whom our jubilant praises belong.**

**2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;
held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
God above all gods, who gave us our birth.**

**3 We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;
you are our Maker, and to you we pray.
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;
great is the one whom we worship this day!**

**4 Now let us listen, for you speak among us;
open our hearts to receive what you say.
Peace be to all who remember your goodness,
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!**

THE TENEBRAE

Forest and Karen Arnold

... Let us pray together:

**Draw us together in your love, O God. May our
restless hearts not resist you, but continue to
search until they find their rest in you. We pray
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

(Chimes play through once first)

**In our call to be a blessing,
May we be a blessing true;
May we live and die confessing
Christ as Lord of all we do (repeat)**

A WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

OLD TESTAMENT – Exodus 17:1-7

Rosemary Cole

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Hand Chimes Choir

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

GOSPEL* – John 4:5-42

SERMON -

Linda Dickerson

"Journey to the Cross: Thirst"

HYMN - *"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"*

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**1 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
thou fount of life, thou light of all,
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.**

**2 Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;
thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good,
to them that find thee, all in all.**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*... Therefore, we join our voices with those of every time
and place, and with all creation we sing your praise, saying,*

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and
earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

... we declare the mystery of faith,

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer: Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN - *"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"* 494

**3 We taste thee, O thou living bread,
and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountainhead,
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.**

**4 Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
where'er our changeful lot is cast,
glad when thy gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.**

**5 O Jesus, ever with us stay;
make all our moments calm and bright.
O chase the night of sin away;
shed o'er the world thy holy light.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE 434

**Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;
Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP TIME – All are invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL