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Serving Our Neighbors  Sharing Our Blessings

Sunday, April 6, 2025—9:30 AM

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Everything [in] Between: “**righteousness & mercy**”

Holy Communion

All are welcome to commune and receive Christ in bread and wine. Please fill out a communion card and give it to the usher when coming forward for Communion.

WELCOME

PRELUDE **How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place, Bob Moore (Miniatures)**

CENTERING TIME

Music will play to center our hearts and mind in prayer and worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P We come to worship because we long for mercy.
C **We long for community.**
We long for God.
P We come to worship because we need a good word.
C **We need connection. We need moral reminders.**
P We come to worship because we are in between:
C **hope and grief, faith and doubt,**
joy and longing, curiosity and conviction.
P 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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

P Friends, our faith calls us to live with both mercy and righteousness.
Somewhere along the way, however, we have forgotten that truth.
Somewhere along the way, we began arguing about who deserves mercy and
whether or not they had acted with enough righteousness to receive it.

Fortunately, God does not act that way.

No matter what mistakes we have made or wrong turns we've taken, God
consistently meets us with mercy and invites us to try again. So let us lean into
that good news, and go to God in prayer:

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.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

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

C **God is merciful.**

P When we fail to be merciful,

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

P Again and again,

C **God moves closer to us.**

P Again and again,

C **God shows us the way.**

P Thanks be to God for this unending love.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

SHARING OF PEACE

SONG**Jesus Is A Rock In A Weary Land, Henrietta Akin****OPENING HYMN****ELW #666****What Wondrous Love Is This**

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

P Loving God,

C Week after week we return to this space,
because we long to see you.
Like Zacchaeus who climbed a tree
to get a peek at you as you walked by,
we come to this sanctuary hoping to get a peek
of your goodness,
of your joy,
of your light.
So speak to us through these ancient words.
Let us get a peek of the love that lingers here.
Gratefully we pray, amen.

FIRST READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126 (read responsively)

- ¹ When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.
- ² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great | things for
them."
- ³ The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.
- ⁴ **Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,**
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.
- ⁵ Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.
- ⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,**
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

P The holy gospel according to Luke
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down;

for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

P The gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

HYMN OF THE DAY

Righteous Mercy

HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7 D ("Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus")

Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Rowland H. Prichard, 1830;
harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906



Since our child - hood you have taught us what is wrong
Though there's wide - ness in your mer - cy, let us not
Far too of - ten we hold on - to an - ger dressed

and what is right Nur - tur - ing our sense of
a - buse that grace Called in - to this Chris - tian
as righ - teous - ness We for - get we serve a

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jus - tice, fuel - ing us to work and fight Keep that
jour - ney, let our lives re - flect our faith When we
God who calls us to re - la - tion - ship So when

14

fire for jus - tice burn - ing in the sha - dow
fal - ter and fall short of our com - mit - ment
those who caused us harm re - pent and choose a

19

of our fear E - ven there your Spi - rit's stir - ring,
to your will Hold us, wrap - ping us in your love
bet - ter way Spi - rit move our venge - ful hearts

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light - ing us a path that's clear
as we work toward whole - ness still
to choose love in - stead of wrath

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STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

C In a world that loves to cast blame
and point fingers,
Jesus loved by different rules.
He offered mercy.
He invited people to dinner.
He told stories of love.
He chose to see the best in others.
We believe that small acts of mercy
and compassion have ripple effects in our lives.
We believe that small acts of righteousness
and justice are integral to a life of faith.
So like Christ, we believe in
offering mercy,
inviting people to dinner,
telling stories of love,
and choosing to see the best in others.
With God's help, may it be so. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION—Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for
The church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence. Each petition ends:

P God, in your mercy,
C **receive our prayer.**

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the
name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

“We Are an Offering”

ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours:
we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering,
we are an offering.



Scan to donate!

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.
C **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of
grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your
bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty...we praise you name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION - *all are invited. The bread is gluten free.*

LAMB OF GOD

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

TABLE BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

C **Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING MUSIC **Cry to God with Shouts of Joy, Bob Moore (Miniatures)**

STATING OUR MISSION

P Resurrection, what is our mission?

C **Serving Our Neighbors by Sharing Our Blessings!**

BENEDICTION

P As you leave this place,

May you find God in every messy middle.

May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.

May you trust that you are made in the image of God, and therefore, you contain multitudes. So may you move through this world with an open heart, with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone.

God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between.

Believe that good news, and go in peace

C **Amen.**

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Oboist: Wayne Ryerson

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 am	Worship, Holy Communion
11:00 am	Receive and sort Costco donation

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION

Monday, April 7

12:00 pm	Food Pantry & Clothing Closet
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Tuesday, April 8

3:30 pm	Outreach Meeting
6:30 pm	Finance Meeting

Wednesday, April 9

1:00 pm	Midday Lent Service
2:00 pm	Bible Study
6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm	Evening Lent Service

Thursday, April 10

7:30 pm	Al-Anon Meeting
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Friday, April 11

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

Saturday, April 12

Sunday, April 13

9:30 am	Worship, Holy Communion
11:00 am	Receive and Sort Costco donation

Online services are available via Facebook (www.facebook.com/rlcfp/live), YouTube (www.youtube.com/rlcfp or search for "Resurrection Lutheran Franklin Park YouTube") and Twitch.

Bible Study can be accessed via Zoom online (bit.ly/rlcfp-zoom) or by phone (312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 230 167 8868, Password: 9777). You can also watch without participating on YouTube (www.youtube.com/rlcfp).



The flowers today are from Barb Ziemer in honor of her grandson Josiah's 17th birthday.



For the month of April, the food pantry is in need of Ramen noodles. All donations are very much appreciated!



PRAY FOR MEMBERS: Shari J, Rita V, Judy H, Russ S, Sue S, Janet C, Lindsay, Valentina, Virginia S, June K and family, Janet G, and Donna T.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF RLC MEMBERS: Mary Lou, Dean M, Sabrina, Lenny, Winnie Z, Rene V, Terry, Darlene M, Ronnie W, Anita, Joan P, Joyce F, Pastor Finney, Leena, Jacque, Diane L, Marilyn R, Ed V, Emily F, Curtis, Allen, Nancy, John M, Mike I, Sharon V, Gary V, Sophia, Marina, John B, Atour, Billy G, Joyce S, Judy K, Lynn, housekeeping staff at hospitals and nursing homes, the homeless, Elaine R, Linda B and Scott B.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Mike B.



Wednesday Lenten Services

1:00 pm (in-person, Facebook, YouTube)
and 7:30 pm (Facebook, YouTube).

Palm Sunday April 13

9:30 am (in-person, Facebook, YouTube)

Maundy Thursday April 17

1:00 pm & 7:30 pm
(in-person, Facebook, YouTube)

Good Friday April 18

1:00 pm & 7:30 pm
(in-person, Facebook, YouTube)

Easter Vigil Saturday April 19

7:30 pm (in-person, Facebook, YouTube)

Easter Sunday April 20

9:30 am (in-person, Facebook, YouTube)

Last day to order EASTER FLOWERS

You are invited to share in decorating the church with flowers for Easter by ordering spring plants that you make take home after worship service on Easter Sunday.

If you would like to have a plant reserved in your name, please either complete the form below and drop it in the offering plate along with your payment, send it in the mail or drop it off at the church.

PLEASE ORDER _____ Easter plant (s)

_____ Easter Lily \$20.00

_____ Hyacinth \$16.00

_____ Tulip \$16.00

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Given in **honor** or in **memory** (please circle one)

of: _____

