

# 6:30 Order of Worship

March 25, 2020 – Fifth Wednesday in Lent

## Gathering Music

### Call to Worship

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

**The Word of God is a lamp unto my feet, showing me right ways.**

Whoever follows the Lord Jesus will never walk in darkness.

**The grace of God will go with us. Jesus will never abandon us.**

### Hymn #183 (grey book) "Thy Word"

#### Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path

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When I feel afraid

And I think I've lost my way

Still You're there right beside me

Nothing will I fear

As long as You are near

Please be near me to the end

(chorus)

I will not forget

Your love for me and yet

My heart forever is wandering

Jesus be my guide

And hold me to Your side

I will love You to the end

(chorus)

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## Prayer of Invocation

### Invitation to Confession

What causes your separation from God? What is the source of your fear? Is it not your own guilt that torments you? If you will but trust in God and open your hearts in confession, Jesus is loving and just, and will relieve you of all that burdens your hearts and minds. Come into the healing space of repentance.

### **Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, our Judge and Redeemer:

**We confess that we have sought to hide from You, for we are aware that we have done what is wrong.**

Loving Jesus, Our Lord and Savior:

**We confess that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves; we have not fed the hungry, cared for the sick and lonely, and we have neglected those who are in bondage. We have failed to forgive others as You have forgiven us.**

Holy Spirit, Our Comforter and Inspiration:

**We confess that we have lacked wisdom because we have worried more about unimportant things than about those things which are precious. We have spoken words that ought not to have been said, and meditated upon wrongs and hurts that only prolong the pain in our hearts.**

Holy God,

**Have mercy upon us. Heal us and forgive our sins.**

### **Declaration of Pardon**

Hear the good news, God sent Jesus into the world, not to condemn the world, but that we might be saved from our sins. Hold fast with certainty to the truth that God loves and forgives you, and it is Jesus' joy to share that forgiveness with you today.

**Through Jesus Christ we have been forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Hymn #567 "Gloria Patri"**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

**world without end. Amen.**

Latin: Gloria Patri, Author: Anonymous (2<sup>nd</sup> Cent), Source: Gloria Patri, the Lesser Doxology, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cent.

**Reading**            Luke 19:1-10

**Meditation**        "The Uncertainty of Surrender"

### **Moment of Quiet Meditation**

#### **Hymn #370 "Just as I Am Without One Plea"**

Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849, Harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955

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