

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

## March 17, 2024

### 10:30 AM

*Labyrinth, Rivolta d'Adda, Italy*



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**University Lutheran Church of Hope** is a welcoming, Christian community of faith centered on God's grace and called to demonstrate God's love for the world. University Lutheran Church of Hope is a Reconciling in Christ congregation and a sanctuary congregation with a commitment to racial equity.

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## Welcome. Peace be with you.

**We continue our holy experiment.** We're worshipping together in-person, and also offering a virtual option on Zoom and YouTube. Welcome to all!

### For those worshipping in-person, please remember:

- ❖ **To support the health and wellness of all those among us**, feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.
- ❖ **We honor one another's boundaries** by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.
- ❖ **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion.** Ushers will direct you.
- ❖ **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: <http://www.ulch.org/> To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at [ulch@ulch.org](mailto:ulch@ulch.org).
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.
- ❖ **After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation** in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

## Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Jen Nagel (presiding minister); Stewart Herman (assisting minister); The Hope Choir and guests, Micki Kruse - Mezzo-Soprano, Beth Kautz - cantor, The ULCHers - Tim Gustafson, Mark Nelson, Robert Ragoonanan (musicians); Marty Lewis-Hunstiger, Robert Paschke, Karen Westwood (communion servers); Karen Westwood (lector); Matthew Fry, Seth Strudthoff (worship tech facilitators); Muffi Abrahamson (Zoom facilitator) John Pignatello (greeter); Bimose Rowan, Jim Rowan, Williams Santana, Ron Sorensen (ushers); Alice Nagel, Magda VanHeuvelen (acolytes); Julie Paschke, Robert Paschke (communion clean-up); Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert, Ann Rolle (healing prayer); Sara Tufvesson Doure (land acknowledgment)

# GATHERING

+ Indicates the assembly stand as able.

Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

**ELW** refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

**ACS** refers to *All Creation Sings*, an *ELW* supplement.

## Prelude

24 Preludes for Piano, Op. 28

Frédéric Chopin

IV. Prelude in E minor

(1810-49)

## Welcome

## Land Acknowledgment

*This Land Acknowledgment, and our response, are both a work in progress. We're actively engaged in a process to move beyond a simple acknowledgement, and toward a more active commitment. Watch for more opportunities for our community.*

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

## + Communal Lament and Confession, with Forgiveness

*Together, we share our grief and regrets before the divine and one another, using the words of Psalm 130.*

*Silence.*

We cry out to you, O God!

Open your ears to our voices.

Be open to our request for mercy.

Where we have hurt our neighbor, one of your beloved,

**help us acknowledge this harm, trust your forgiveness, and embody healing**

*Silence.*

Where we have neglected your creation

**help us acknowledge this harm, trust your forgiveness, and embody healing**

*Silence.*

Where we have disregarded one another,

**help us acknowledge this harm, trust your forgiveness, and embody healing**

*Silence.*

In God's everlasting mercy, our whole beings are held.

We wait. We hope. We act. We are forgiven to continue this journey in a new way.

In the name of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

## + Kyrie

*Sighs Too Deep for Words* Liturgy



Let us come before God, praying: *Refrain*

We shout for justice! *Refrain*

We beg for healing! *Refrain*

We cry for your help! *Refrain*

We demand your presence! *Refrain*

Let us sing together.

Jesus says:

Great is your faith!

Let it be to you as you desire.

You are already made whole.

You are already made whole.



## + Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

## + Prayer of the Day

*Our Prayer of the Day this morning is from the compilation Daily Prayer with the Corrymeela Community. This prayer is called Prayer for Courage and is referenced many times in their morning, midday, and evening prayer liturgies. Corrymeela is Northern Ireland's oldest peace and reconciliation community. Pastor Kate Reuer Welton and a group from Lutheran Campus Ministry - Twin Cities traveled to Corrymeela for their recent spring break. "The Irish word Croi (pronounced 'Kree') means 'heart' and is the name for the chapel space in Corrymeela, a beautiful circular place of prayer, built into the ground, with a living roof and echoes."*

Let us pray. Courage comes **from the heart and we are always welcomed by God, and the Croi\* of all being. We bear witness to our faith knowing that we are called to live lives of courage, love and reconciliation in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of each day. We bear witness, too, to our failures and our complicity in the fractures of our world. May we be courageous today. May we learn today. May we love today. Amen.**

# WORD

## Children's Message

### First Reading - Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt— a covenant that they broke, though I was married to them, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

»Vienen días», afirma el SEÑOR, «en que haré un nuevo pacto con Israel y con Judá. No será un pacto como el que hice con sus antepasados el día en que los tomé de la mano y los saqué de Egipto, ya que ellos lo quebrantaron a pesar de que yo era su esposo», afirma el SEÑOR. «Este es el pacto que después de aquel tiempo haré con el pueblo de Israel», afirma el SEÑOR. «Pondré mi Ley en su mente y la escribiré en su corazón. Yo seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo. Ya nadie tendrá que enseñar a su prójimo; tampoco dirá nadie a su hermano: "¿Conoce al SEÑOR!", porque todos, desde el más pequeño hasta el más grande, me conocerán», afirma el SEÑOR. «Porque yo perdonaré su iniquidad y nunca más me acordaré de sus pecados».

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

**Demos gracias a Dios.**

### Psalm 119:9-16

*Read responsively*

How shall the young keep their way clean?

By keeping to your word.

**With my whole heart I seek you;**

**let me not stray from your commandments.**

I treasure your promise in my heart,

that I may not sin against you.

**Blessed are you, O LORD;**

**instruct me in your statutes.**

With my lips I recite

all the judgments of your mouth.

**I take greater delight in the way of your decrees**

**than in all manner of riches.**

I will meditate on your commandments

and give attention to your ways.

**My delight is in your statutes;**

**I will not forget your word.**

¿Cómo puede el joven mantener limpio su camino?

Viviendo conforme a tu palabra.

**Yo te busco con todo el corazón;**

**no dejes que me desvíe de tus mandamientos.**

En mi corazón atesoro tus dichos

para no pecar contra ti.

**¡Bendito seas, SEÑOR!**

**¡Enséñame tus estatutos!**

Con mis labios he proclamado

todas las leyes que has promulgado.

**Me regocijo en el camino de tus mandatos**

**más que en todas las riquezas.**

En tus preceptos medito

y pongo mis ojos en tus sendas.

**En tus estatutos hallo mi deleite**

**y jamás olvidaré tu palabra.**

+ **Gospel Acclamation, v. 3**

*Sighs Too Deep for Words* Liturgy

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

2. Give me wa - ter, liv - ing wa - ter, so that I may nev - er thirst a - gain.

3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, we are dust, by your breath we live.

Breathe, O breathe, breathe up - on us, that we may live.

Springs of wa - ter well - ing up to e - ter - nal life.

Breathe, O breathe, breathe up - on us that we may live.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, we are dust, by your breath we live.

+ **Gospel Reading - John 12:20-33, adapted**

The gospel according to John the twelfth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son-of-Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, God will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Abba God, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Abba God, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler

Entre los que habían subido a adorar en la fiesta había algunos griegos. Estos se acercaron a Felipe, que era de Betsaida de Galilea, y le pidieron:—Señor, queremos ver a Jesús. Felipe fue a decírselo a Andrés y ambos fueron a decírselo a Jesús. —Ha llegado la hora de que el Hijo del hombre sea glorificado —afirmó Jesús—. Les aseguro que, si la semilla de trigo no cae en tierra y muere, se queda solo. Pero si muere, produce mucho fruto. El que ama su vida la pierde; en cambio, el que aborrece su vida en este mundo la conserva para la vida eterna. Quien quiera servirme debe seguirme; y donde yo esté, allí también estará mi siervo. A quien me sirva, mi Padre lo honrará. »Ahora mi alma está angustiada, ¿y acaso voy a decir: “Padre, sálvame de esta hora difícil”? ¿Si precisamente para afrontarla he venido! ¡Padre, glorifica tu nombre! Se oyó entonces, desde el cielo, una voz que decía: «Ya lo he glorificado y volveré a glorificarlo». La multitud que estaba allí y que oyó la voz decía que había sido un trueno; otros decían que un ángel le había hablado. —Esa voz no vino por mí, sino por ustedes —dijo Jesús—. El juicio de este mundo ha llegado ya y el

of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

príncipe de este mundo va a ser expulsado. Pero yo, cuando sea levantado de la tierra, atraeré a todos a mí mismo. Con esto daba Jesús a entender de qué manera iba a morir.

El Evangelio del Señor.  
**Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!**

**Sermon** - Pastor Kate Reuer Welton

**+ Hymn of the Day**

**Spirit Open My Heart**

**ACS 1043**

*Refrain*

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of  
liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing  
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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## Prayers of the People

*Please note that additional congregational prayers can be found in the weekly e-news called the Thursday Epistle. During this season, we remain seated for these prayers. Following each petition:*

O God, we pray to you,

Oh Dios, te rogamos,



## + Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.

**And also with you.**

**Y también contigo.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor."*

## MEAL

### Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart J.A. Freylinghausen (1670-1739)

arr. Paul Christiansen (1914-97)

*Send forth thy light and thy love, O Lord. Fill my heart with thy Holy Spirit.*

*Lead me into thy presence and teach me to love thy ways, O Jesus.*

*Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.*

*Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.*

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Offerings can be sent electronically or by mail, or placed in the offering plate in the center of our space as you come forward for Holy Communion. Find more information on the last page of the bulletin.

### +Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. 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.**

### +The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

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

It is indeed right.... we join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of power, God of might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est! Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of our

God. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*Sighs Too Deep for Words Liturgy*

## **+Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution**

### **+The Lord's Prayer**

*Let us pray the Lord's Prayers using these words or those familiar. This version of the Lord's Prayer which we are using during Lent comes from the liturgy Sighs Too Deep for Words.*

Heavenly God, giver of life,  
holy is your name,  
your realm come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For you reign in power and glory  
now and forever.  
Amen.

Dios celestial, dador de vida,  
santo es tu nombre,  
tu reino viene,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdónanos nuestros pecados  
como nosotros perdonamos a los que pecan  
contra nosotros.  
Sálvanos del tiempo de la prueba,  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque reinas en poder y gloria  
ahora y siempre. Amén.



## Holy Communion

*We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.*

### ***If you are at home and sitting with others...***

*When sharing the bread with someone, say to them: "This is the body of Christ, given for you." When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, "This is the blood of Christ, shed for you."*

### ***If you are at home on your own...***

*Hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you'd prefer a blessing, hear these promises: "You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today."*

### ***If you are worshipping in-person today...***

*We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, gather around the table, receive the bread (gluten free is available), the servers will pour into your cup either the red wine or white grape juice, place used cups in the basket. If you'd prefer, coming forward to the front for a blessing is always an option. Children of all ages are welcome to partake in the bread and juice at Holy Communion.*

### ***If you seek healing prayers today...***

*A healing minister is available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers, or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will. During this time, you may also dip into the baptismal waters and remember the promises, and light candles for situations around the world and close to home.*

## Music During Communion

Grace Upon Grace

Sighs Too Deep For Words Liturgy

*Refrain*

Grace up - on grace, mer - cy up - on mer - cy,  
peace up - on peace, giv - en for you.

The Word made flesh dwells among us, full of grace and truth. *Refrain.*

Behold our Savior who frees us from the sin of the world. *Refrain.*

Create In Me a Clean Heart

ELW 186

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

My Song is Love Unknown

ELW 343

## +Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## +Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Giver of every gift, **Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

## SENDING

### Announcements

### +Sending Hymn

To Christ Belong, In Christ Behold

ACS 958

1 To Christ be - long, in Christ be - hold God's  
2 The brood - ing Spir - it moves un - seen as  
3 Re - joic - ing in God's prom - ise strong, our

won - ders still un - fold: the bur - ied  
liv - ing wa - ters stream to quench all  
trea - sure and our song, in faith we

grain springs forth a - gain with fruit one hun - dred - fold.  
thirst and bring to birth a new com - mu - ni - ty.  
cling, and glad - ly sing: to Christ we now be - long.

Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, with  
The bind - ing shroud is here re - leased, the  
In Christ a - bide, in Christ be - hold the

Christ from death we rise, drawn through the  
veil of sin and grief, and in their  
world be - loved and whole. In love re -

night by dawn - ing of light in - to a - bun - dant  
place a wreath of grace and robes of joy and  
main, by love pro - claim God's won - ders still un -

life, in - to a - bun - dant life.  
peace, and robes of joy and peace.  
told, God's won - ders still un - told.

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## +Blessing

May the blessing + of our Wonderful Maker,  
who wove your body in the depths of the earth,  
hems you in, behind and before,  
and will knit you back together  
be with you today and every day. (Psalm 139)

**Amen.**

## +Dismissal

Go in peace!  
You are already made whole.  
**Thanks be to God!**

¡Vaya en Paz!  
Ya estás hecho completo.  
**Gracias a Dios.**

## Postlude

Suite in D minor  
I. Grand plein jeu

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault  
(1676-1749)

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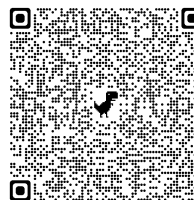
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