A Breath Prayer for the coming week:

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, fill me with Your love."

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Order of Worship 21 March 2021 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

## We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music Welcome Call to Worship Worship Reading from Psalm 51 Worship in Song

## We Listen to the Scriptures

Prayers of the People Scripture Reading: Mark 10.32-45 Sermon: "The Way of the Cross"

### We Come to the Table

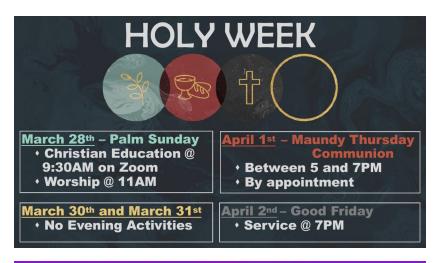
The Peace
Prayer of Confession and Consecration
We Eat and Drink Together
The Lord's Prayer
Prayer of Thanksgiving
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

# Next Sunday is Palm Sunday

We will have Palm Branches available for Sunday Worship, but if you are not attending in-person, there will be some palm branches on the guest house porch by 12pm Friday, March 26th near the matzah and worship guides.





# Our mission is to learn the way of Jesus together as we invite others to join us at His Table.

### **Our Common Practices**

#### We Gather

We gather for worship more often than not. We gather in smaller groups to connect, learn, and grow.

We create hospitable space for one another.

#### We Grow

We attend the means of grace daily. (i.e. We attend to the presence of God through Scripture reading and meditation, prayer on behalf of others and myself, breath prayer, spiritual reading and study...). We nurture our faith.

We attend to relationships that promote growth. We develop and learn as human beings made in the image of God.

#### We Give

We are a generous people who give our time and resources to the mission of God and the world. We tithe as the means through which our community enjoys fiscal health so as to minister generously.

#### We Go

We follow Jesus into the world as His healing presence.

We help the vulnerable among us.

We go into the world offering Jesus' invitation to gather at His Table.

## The Way of the Cross

Mark 8:34-38 (NIV)

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life--he cannot be my disciple.<sup>27</sup> And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:25-27 (NIV)

## Two definitions we need to know:

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• believer'	_ – 'a pupil or learner; a followe
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#### What are we to leave behind?

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The principle: We need to love Jesus Christ so much that in it is as if we hate those things.
"Jesus is using this strong language to say that no other love, no other obligation, no other relationship can be allowed to stand between the Master and His disciples."  — Charles Childers
"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Matthew 10:37-38 (NIV)
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<sup>34</sup>Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup>What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Mark 8:34-38 (NIV)