

Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 17, 2013

Music Prelude		Glenda Teachey
Call To Worship "Morning Has Broken"		#145
Welcome & Announcements		
*Procession "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"		#133
Praises & Prayer Requests		
Hymn of "Be Thou My Vision"		#451
Preparation		
Liturgy of the Word:		
Old Testament	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Shirley Massey
Psalms	Psalm 126 (<i>Responsively</i>)	
Anthem	"Hem of His Robe"	Rockland Choir
*Gospel	Luke 20:9-19	Pastor Bill Faupel

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: "Panic or Promise?" Pastor Bill Faupel



Of all the seasons of the Church calendar Lent is the least joyful. While fitting it can also be depressing. No other liturgical time needs a send off like Mardi Gras, that time of wild abandon that some Christian traditions use to provide the reality for the need for penance! Yet Lent is a time that calls us to reflection – not of the joy of life but of its pain, not on the clarity of life, but of its mystery, not on the certainty of life, but of

the certainty of death. It is a time when we are called to reflect on those experiences in our lives when God has pushed us to the point where we had to make a choice – to panic or to hold on to the promise he has made to us – to never leave us or forsake us, to never allow us to experience anything beyond which we can bear. Today we return to the life of Abraham to find in his story the resources he used to hold on to the promise in the face of difficulty.

***Affirmation of Faith** #883

***Please stand as you are able**

Liturgy of the Table:

+Holy Communion		Barb Cook
<i>+Everyone is welcome to take Holy Communion who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Please receive the bread from the server in your cupped hands, and either dip it into the chalice before eating or take an individual cup from the server.</i>		
*Closing	"O How I Love Jesus"	#170
Hymn		
*Blessing		Pastor Bill Faupel
*Benedictory	"Grace Alone"	Overhead
Response	Irish Blessing (from Choir to congregation)	
Postlude		Glenda Teachey

Next Sunday's Scriptures:

Liturgy of the Palms: Psalm 118: 19-29 & Luke 19:29-40

Liturgy of the Word: Isaiah 45:21-25; Psalm 22;
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23, 56

To our Guests, thank you for visiting us today. Please fill out a visitor's card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or see an usher or the Pastor. Join us in the Overflow Room for a "Meet & Greet" after the service...

We welcome you to worship with us again!



They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. (Psalm 126:5-6 21st Century King James Version)

***Please stand as you are able**