

Becoming the Beloved Community

Carter - Westminster United Presbyterian Church

Gathering of the People

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

"Sicilienne"

J.S. Bach

Greeting/Welcome/Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgression and my sin is ever before me.

Against You, You alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless when You pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

OPENING HYMN

"In the Bulb There is a Flower"

GTG # 250

CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, O God, teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Create in me a clean heart and put a new and right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence and do not take Your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Word Proclaimed

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 12:20-3, Jeremiah 31:31-34

SERMON: "Knowing God"

RESPONSIVE HYMN "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" CH # 306

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Prelude" Bach/Siloti
George Radosavljevic, pianist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Receive, O God, the gifts we dedicate to You. Bless them and use them to spread the Good News of the Gospel far and wide; into every dark corner, and into the Light of Your unfailing love. Amen.

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Prelude in D Minor" - BWV 539 J.S. Bach

Going Forth

Assisting in Worship:

Annette Serritella, Emily Crisp, George Radosavljevic, Pat Radosavljevic, Music Director;
and the Reverend Isabel (Bunny) Hughes.