

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 2, 2006

11:00 AM

*A nursery is available during the service. An usher will be happy to assist you.
Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available upon request from an usher.*

Welcome and Announcements Moments of Friendship

PRELUDE "Guide My Feet" Trad. Spiritual

(Please take this time to silently prepare yourself to worship God.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Shriver, Liturgist

Liturgist: On this fifth Sunday of Lent, the paradox of the way of Christ challenges us:

People: Through loss comes gain, through death comes expansive life.

Liturgist: *Jesus said: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the soil and dies,*

People: it will remain a lonely thing. But if it is buried, it will yield much harvest."

Liturgist: Let us Pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN No. 263 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*CONFESSION OF SIN *(In Unison)*

Most mysterious and loving God, we come before you, not as disciples of Jesus Christ, but as those who have sincerely admired him, yearned to be like him, yet have only applied his truth in fragmentary ways. We confess to you, God: We have grabbed at life and hoarded it for ourselves, rather than losing it in the cause of the Gospel. We have tried to nullify our anxieties by surrounding ourselves with possessions, but have reaped only deep discontents. Every now and then we have dared to be bold in faith, hope and love, and have briefly tasted the profound joy of Christ, only to slip back again into a no-risk policy of self preservation. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness, according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins.

(Let each worshipper pray silently.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 579)*

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Pew Bible, OT Section, page 693)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 5:5-10 (Pew Bible, NT Section, page 201)

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN No. 82 O Lamb of God Most Holy!

SERMON LESSON: John 12:20-33 (Pew Bible, NT Section page 99)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Proleptic Paradox Jonathan P. Fetting

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *(In Unison)* Nicene Creed (traditional)
The Presbyterian Hymnal p. 15

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "The Old Rugged Cross"

*PRESENTATION, The Doxology *(The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 592)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*HYMN No. 148 At the Name of Jesus

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sermon Notes

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THE PROLEPTIC PARADOX

John 12:20-33