

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**April 3, 2022**

**8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**

**WORDS TO PONDER**

We need a high and lofty goal for our lives.

**WELCOME**

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** Come to sit at the feet of Jesus, to worship and hear God's message for you.

**PEOPLE:** **We count everything else as loss because knowing Jesus Christ is worth so much more.**

**LEADER:** God has done great things for us and is doing a new thing among us now.

**PEOPLE:** **We come, not because we are righteous, but because our faith compels us to stand with Christ.**

**LEADER:** The power of Christ's resurrection is ours to proclaim and to share.

**UNISON:** **Forgetting what lies behind, we press toward the goal of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ. The forty days through this Lenten journey now draw us close to Jerusalem, O God. Help us to concentrate on what is of greatest importance. Give us courage to persevere where we need to persist. AMEN**

**OPENING HYMN:** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" #236 Red

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

We who are never quite satisfied with the extent of God's revelation are called to account for the insights and gifts we

have received. How have we used them? And how have we resisted the wonders of God's love? Let us confess our failures.

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, we have hidden impure motives behind pious words and covered up selfish actions with good works that draw attention to ourselves rather than to the gospel. We have ignored Your law as if it did not apply to us or tried to keep its letter without being changed by the grace and power of its Author. Forgive us, we pray, and save us from this way of death. Hear our pleas for Your mercy.**

### **TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION**

### **UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**Paul reminds us that he counted everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus Christ his Savior. Through Christ came the righteousness from God based on faith, not personal attainment. From faith came the promise of resurrection from the dead. Friends, forgetting what lies behind, let us "press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Therein lies assurance that we are forgiven.**

**HOLY SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4-21**

### **CHILDREN'S STORYTIME**

**SERMON: "Priorities"**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom, come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN**

**CLOSING HYMN: "Awake, My Soul Stretch Every Nerve"**

#285 Red

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN**

### **BENEDICTION**