

March 18, 2018 – 10:00 am
5th SUNDAY IN LENT

ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Our mission is to worship and serve God
in our church, community, and the world.

“Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new and right
spirit
within me.”
Psalm 51:10



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Please respond with words in **bold print**.

*Please stand if comfortably able

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE: “**Meditation on Songs of the Cross**”

Robert J. Hughes

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: The days are surely coming, says our God;
The day is here to affirm a new covenant.

**MANY: We call on God’s steadfast love and mercy.
We seek a strong and vital relationship
with our God.**

One: God’s law will be written on our hearts.
Our Creator claims us and forgives our faithfulness.

**MANY: We are eager to know the God who loves us.
We are ready to learn God’s intention for us.**

One: God offers us the joy of salvation.
Our brokenness can be healed and wholeness
restored.

**MANY: We are open to the new and right spirit God offers.
We seek guidance for our daily living.**

One: Amen. **ALL: Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN: #109 “**Beneath the Cross of Jesus**”

*CALL TO CONFESSION:

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from
our sin. By our actions and our neglect, we have done what
is evil in your sight. Create in us clean hearts, and renew our
spirits. We are ready for a new life. Amen.**

*SUNG RESPONSE: “**Create in me, a clean heart, O God**”

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

*GLORIA: #759

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

FIRST TESTAMENT READINGS: **Jeremiah 31:31-34**
Lay Liturgist

READING FROM **PSALM 51:1-4,10-12** Lay Liturgist

SOLO: **Nancy Eisenhauer** “**Jesus, Be Near to Me**”
Heather Sorenson

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

*GOSPEL LESSON: **John 12:20-33** Pastor Rosemary

SERMON: “**The Voice**”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: “**Draw Us Closer**” (On Screen)
Written by Lavon Bayler

PASTORAL PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER:

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: **NCH #774**

**Shepherd, lead, lead me in your righteousness,
make your way plain before my face.
For it is you, God, you, God only,
who makes me to lie down in safety.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: **“An Evening Prayer”** Charles H. Gabriel

*DOXOLOGY: # 780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

We dedicate these offerings to the proclamation of your word, the teaching of your ways, and the living of your will for all humankind. We reach out with joy and gladness to offer your love to the world. May we keep covenant with you as we use these gifts to support our church and neighbors. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN: #493 **“O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

DURING THE HYMN, THE LIGHT IS EXTINGUISHED AND CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.

*BENEDICTION:

THE BELL RINGS, AS WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD, TO SPREAD THE JOY OF CHRIST TO ALL.

POSTLUDE: **“Alla Marcia”** Stephen Otis

“Our Worship has ended – Now our Service begins.”
