



First Congregational

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Worship Leader

Seth Chronister

Mini Message

Nancy Mahood

Director of Music

Luke Overton

Organist

Hudson Lourenço-Feld

Guest Preacher

Abbie Chronister

Office Manager

Michelle Wolfe

Custodian

Kyle Lindaman

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

Prelude	<i>“Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing” (Prelude on an anthem - Gordon Young)</i>	Hudson Lourenço-Feld
Welcome, Announcements		Seth Chronister
*Call to Worship		Seth Chronister
Leader:	Praise the Almighty! Praise the Exalted from the heavens.	
People:	Praise the Creator of All from the earth, sea monsters and all watery deeps,	
Leader:	Fire and hail, snow and frost, swirling wind fulfilling God's word.	
People:	Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars. Animals wild and tame, creeping things and winged birds.	
Leader:	Peoples of the earth, aged and young together, Let them praise the Name of the Eternal.	
People:	God's glory is above the earth and the heavens. Praise the Almighty!	
	<i>Adapted from Wilda C. Gafney's translation of Psalm 148 (in “A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church: Year W”)</i>	
*Prayer of Invocation (unison)		Seth Chronister
	O sovereign God, in Jesus Christ you set your holy reign upon this earth and within your people. So let its coming be like the mustard seed that grows into greatness, and like the leaven that mixes with the grain until the whole becomes greater, to the praise of the triune God, who lives forevermore. Amen. <i>Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (Proper 12, Year A), Augsburg Fortress</i>	
*Opening Hymn	Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him	#13 (Pilgrim - Red)
Joys and Concerns		Seth Chronister
Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer	Abbie Chronister	
Mini-Message		Nancy Mahood
Special Music	<i>Prelude No.1 in C Major, BWV 846 - J S Bach</i>	Chancel Choir
Invitation to Offertory		Seth Chronister
Offertory		Hudson Lourenço-Feld
*Doxology		#780 (NCH - Black)
*Prayer of Dedication		Abbie Chronister
Scripture Lesson	Romans 11:13-24 & Luke 13:18-21 <i>Translations from Gafney's “A Women's Lectionary”</i>	Seth Chronister

Hymn	<i>God Created Heaven and Earth</i>	#33 (NCH - Black)
Message		Abbie Chronister
*Hymn	<i>We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed</i>	#540 (NCH - Black)
*Spoken Benediction		Abbie Chronister
*Sung Benediction	<i>Holy One, Now Let Your Servants Go</i>	(See Page 3)
Postlude	<i>Chaconne en sol mineur</i> - Louis Couperin	Hudson Lourenço-Feld

*You are invited to stand in body and/or spirit

Sunday School for students up to 6th grade is provided after the Mini-Message.
 We welcome your child(ren) to follow our Sunday School leaders to the youth director's office at the conclusion of the Mini-Message.

Holy One, Now Let Your Servants Go
 Simeon's Song, *A Nunc Dimittis*

text and tune: Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 87. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is common time (C). The first system of music includes guitar chords: Bm, A/C#, D, G, D/F#, G, and D/F#. The lyrics are: Ho - ly One, now let your ser - vants go in; We our - selves, we know the heal - ing you've pre -; We pro - claim the light to show you to the; Ho - ly One, now let your ser - vants go in.

The second system of music includes guitar chords: Asus4, A, G, A, and D. The lyrics are: peace. Your word has been ful - filled. pared, and all the world can see. world, for glo - ry, Is ra - el. peace. Your word has been ful - filled.