

On the Way to Jerusalem

Stories of Faith for Lent 2025
Northfield United Methodist Parish



April 6, 2025

5th Sunday in Lent

We invite you to silence your phones prior to the start of worship.

Gathering

Greetings and Ministry Updates

Praise

Entering Into Praise *I Love You Lord*
**I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.**

The Call to Worship
The Lord be with you!
And also with you!
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Let the whole world tremble before him.

Songs of Praise

- *Hear I Am To Worship*
Lyrics on back page
- *Near to the Heart of God*
UMH 472

A Time of Confession and Pardon
**Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silence for confessing our individual sins

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen**

Giving Glory to God (*The Gloria Patri*)
**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. Amen.**

Listening for God to Speak

The Holy Scriptures

Luke 18:9-17

⁹ Jesus told this parable to certain people who had convinced themselves that they were righteous and who looked on everyone else with disgust: ¹⁰ "Two people went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself with these words, 'God, I thank you that I'm not like everyone else—crooks, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of everything I receive.' ¹³ But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn't even lift his eyes to look toward heaven. Rather, he struck his chest and said, 'God, show mercy to me, a sinner.' ¹⁴ I tell you, this person went down to his home justified rather than the Pharisee. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

¹⁵ People were bringing babies to Jesus so that he would bless them. When the disciples saw this, they scolded them. ¹⁶ Then Jesus called them to him and said, "Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children. ¹⁷ I assure you that whoever doesn't welcome God's kingdom like a child will never enter it."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

The Word Proclaimed

Rev. Jay Voorhees

Laid Low and Lifted Up

Hymn of Response

- *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*
UMH 351, Vss. 1,2,4

The Work of the Church

Celebrating God's Gifts

- Sharing God's Presence This Week
- Presenting Our Offerings

Giving Thanks for God's Gifts

*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*

Prayers of the Community

- Sharing of Concerns
 - The Prayers of the People
 - 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

*Our Choral Benediction UMH 666

*Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

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Here I Am to Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

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