

***“Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord,
and where I am, there will my servant be also.”***

John 12:26

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



***Affton Presbyterian Church
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March 21, 2021

***Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:
Look under “Updates” on our site to join online
or call 312-626-6799 and when prompted.
enter the Meeting ID: 942 617 477 (followed by #).
When asks for a Participant ID number, dial #.
On the phone, dial *6 to mute or unmute yourself.
If asked for a password, enter 3410.***

Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: This is the day God has promised: the day of the new covenant.

Many: We are here, because our hearts are filled with love for our God.

One: No longer carved on cold stone, this covenant is engraved on our hearts.

Many: Our hearts are open so God's Word can shape us.

One: We will reach out to our neighbors, our friends and family, even to strangers.

Many: Our hearts are ready to serve God and all of God's people.

Hymn #384 ***"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"***

Prayer of Confession

O Heart which seeks our own: we yearn for your presence in our lives yet turn away from you time and again. We want to serve others but become obsessed with our own desires. We need your Word to fill our emptiness, yet let it be silenced by the noise of our world. Our hearts are clogged with the foolishness of our lives, and often struggle to beat in rhythm with your own.

In this silence, and in the depths of our hidden souls, come to us and make us whole, Steadfast Love. Write *grace* upon our hearts, so we might be more forgiving people; write *mercy* on our hearts, so we might become more welcoming people; write *hospitality* upon our hearts that we might become more like Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who came for all people, even us. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Response ***"Gloria Patri"***

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: and also, with you.

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

Prayer of Illumination

Moving Spirit, come to this place and infuse our hearts with your wisdom.

Move among us and inspire us to respond to your Word.

Gather us as your people to do the will of Christ. Amen.

Scripture: John 12:20-33

Sermon: Julie Gvillo, Commissioned Pastor

Hymn #388 “*O Jesus, I Have Promised*”

Affirmation of Faith *the Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Checks may be mailed to the church or donate online.

Response of Praise “*Doxology*”

Prayer of Dedication:

As you write upon our hearts, soften them with your compassion. As you soften them, open us to the needs of those close to us, as well as those in every corner of your world. As you open us to the hurts and heartaches of your children, give us the grace to be as generous with our gifts as you are in blessing us. Take these gifts and use them to share peace, love, grace, and joy with all of your people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #101 “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*”

Charge and Benediction