

 **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Complicity and innocence
March 22, 2026

Preaching
 Carrie Mast

Worship Leader
 John Estell

Pianist/Organist
 Anne Marie Spelman

Gathering

Music Calls Us *God Is Here Among Us* Joachim Neander

Welcome, Announcements, Centering

Prelude *Adagio from Toccata, Adagio & Fugue in C Major* J.S. Bach, arr. Schuam

Invocation

*Opening Hymn *Let's Walk Together* VT 6

*Responsive Reading

One: Welcome Lent— terrible dissonance,

Many: as we condemn the Human One.

One: Welcome lament and confession

Many: as the story comes undone.

One: Welcome holy mystery

Many: that even this can find a place in the tale of God's salvation.

All: Welcome suffering love and grace.

Telling God's Story

Hymn *How Can We Worship Caesar's Cross children come forward on v.4* VT 308

Conversation with Children Carrie Mast

Hymn *Let There Be Light* VT 714

Confession Poem

One: Jesus, things don't always turn out the way we expect.

Many: Or want.

One: And sometimes your choices (or the choices of our neighbors or family members or politicians) really don't agree with us.

Many: We hate to admit it, but we feel for the angry crowd.

One: In our fury, we too can become so consumed, so focused on who or what we are opposing, that we turn away from the things that matter most.

Many: "We have no king but the emperor!" we find ourselves saying.

One: And only after we hear our voice

Many: do we realize how distorted our allegiance has become.

One: God, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Chancel Choir *Lamb of God* F. Melius Christiansen
 LuAnn Stuckey, director; Judy Steiner, piano

Community Prayer *The Lord's Prayer (Abana)* Victoria Woods-Yee
 Handout in pew rack

Scripture John 19:1-16 Barrett Benroth

Message *Holding Suffering & Accountability*

Living God's Story

*Hymn of Response *We Are Often Tossed and Driven* VT 311

Offering

Invitation

Offertory *Sonata No. 2 in F Major, Mvt. II: Adagio* W.A. Mozart

Prayer of Dedication

Sending

*Hymn of Sending *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* VT 323

*Benediction

*Postlude

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

- VT: Voices Together (Purple Bound Book)

Parents of young children: God put the wiggle in children, so no need to suppress those wiggles.

Sitting closer to the front makes it easier for your little ones to engage.

Also, children learn their behavior by mimicking you. Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses.

Feel free to leave the sanctuary with your child, but you're welcome to come back.

As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."