

LISBON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 6, 2025 The Fifth Sunday of Lent

"...like trees planted by streams of water..." Psalm 1.3

PRELUDE and TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION

WORDS OF GREETING

A Time of Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Awaken to the glory of this new day!

PEOPLE: We are the children of God, blessed and beloved.

Leader: We gather to worship the God who loves us.

PEOPLE: We gather to worship the God who sustains us.

Leader: In God's name we give thanks for the gift of this new day.

*OPENING HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues...* (vs. 1-5) # 57

UNISON PRAYER Gracious and loving God, we have come to this place to be your faithful disciples. On this Lenten journey, help us grow in our faith and in our relationship to you. Open our hearts to your love; open our eyes to the light of your Son; open our hands to the work of your Holy Spirit. Help us share your grace and follow the ways that lead to new life. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM for Jennifer Morgan (insert)

Act of Confession and Pardon

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Forgive us in your mercy, O God – when we fear what we do not understand; when we let prejudice blind us; when we cling to feelings of superiority; when we refuse to witness to your healing. Free us from blindness, that we may behold your glory and reflect your light for all to see. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God is rich in mercy, seeking to cultivate and nurture our lives that we may receive the gift of new life.

PEOPLE: By God's grace we have been renewed and commit ourselves anew to this Lenten journey that leads to the hope and joy of Easter morning.

Hearing God's Word

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 43.16-21 (pg.672)

CHORAL ANTHEM

EPISTLE READING Philippians 3.4b-14 (pg.198)

GOSPEL READING John 12.1-8 (pg.106)

SERMON *Cultivating and Nurturing New Life:
An Extravagant Gift*

*HYMN *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* # 301

Responding To God's Word

A TIME OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns and Time of Silent Prayer

A Lenten Prayer (insert)

The Lord's Prayer

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Choral Prayer Response

RECEIVING OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory and *Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (insert)

*CLOSING HYMN *In the Garden*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORDS OF BENEDICTION

Leader: Hope in the Lord as our Lenten journey continues.

PEOPLE: God is our refuge and our strength.

Leader: Trust in our God in the week ahead as we continue to cultivate and nurture our faith.

**PEOPLE: God is our companion and our protector;
blessed be the name of our God.**

BENEDICTION IN SONG *Hymn of Promise* (vs one) # 707

POSTLUDE

Today's Worship Leaders

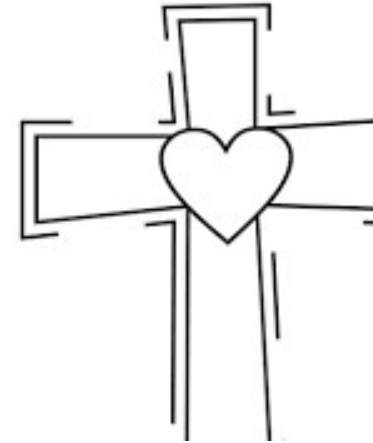
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Lisbon United Methodist Church
welcomes, nurtures, and serves
all people
with the love of Christ.