



March 29, 2020 5th Sunday of Lent, An online service of word

PRELUDE & BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

INTROIT

“We Resist”

Mark Miller

CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING IN GRATITUDE

by Christine Hoff Kraemer, Jan. 2002

*SINGING TO OPEN

“Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior” (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

NCH 551

**Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others you are calling, do not pass me by.**

Refrain

**Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others you are calling, do not pass me by.**

**Trusting only in your merit, would I seek your face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by your grace.**

Refrain

**Be the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me;
Not just here on earth beside me, but eternally.**

Refrain

FROM OUR SCRIPTURES

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us, **thanks be to God.**

CONFESSING WHO WE ARE

From the preface of the proposed 2020 *Social Principles*

Loving God,

**We renew our commitment to be faithful witnesses to the Gospel
in our daily lives and work and to magnify our witness as the church.**

You call our church to difficult discipleship,

with Jesus as our guide and the Spirit as our daily strength.

With your help, we pray to live into the challenge

“to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.”

(Silence is kept). **Amen.**

BEING ASSURED OF FORGIVENESS & EXCHANGING PEACE

Peace be with you. **And also with you.**

OPENING THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

We invite you to explore the resources provided on the ELUMC Facebook page from Cokesbury curriculum, from our favorite authors, and from our own Education Team offering Sunday School experiences for our children missing their classes.

FROM OUR TRADITION

The link to watch today’s Methodist heritage video can be found on our Facebook page or by copying and pasting this address into your browser <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VP2INBt0R2Q>

FROM OUR EXPERIENCE — PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER

Pray for our new Pastor Katherine Mitchell and her family.

FROM OUR REASON

Evan McElreath

OFFERING

“Abide With Me”

St. James Press; Gillian Woldorf, Violin

We invite you to send in your offering to the church: ELUMC 215 Somers Road, East Longmeadow MA 01028 or drop it by building (the mail slot is to the left of the office door in the back of the building).

The Outreach Team invites you to help “Clear the Board” –a Mission Shares giving challenge continuing through Easter – write Mission Shares on you check.

The Loaves & Fishes folks who cook meals for those who are homeless in Springfield are asking for donations of tube pasta and monetary donations to help cover the cost of meals.

SINGING OUR PRAISE AND DEDICATING OUR GIFTS

OLD 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow, praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SINGING TO SEND US OUT & TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST “Blessed Assurance”

NCH 473

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O What a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.**

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior
all the day long;**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior
all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blessed;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love.
Refrain**

PRAYER OF BLESSING & GOING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes:

We welcome back violinist Gillian Woldorf
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The prayer of confession is taken from the proposed Social Principles distributed by Church & Society at the next General Conference originally scheduled for May.



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Prayer for a Pandemic by Cameron Wiggins Bellm

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most
vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember
those who must choose between preserving their health or
making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when
their schools close remember those that have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have
no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the
economic market remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those
who have no home.

As fear grips our country,
Let us choose love during this time
When we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God
To our neighbor.

Amen.