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March 17, 2013 St. Patrick's Day Lent 5

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all.
All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Approach

Prelude

Joyful Noise – "Psalm 121"

Opening

- * Hymn – "God, You Meet Us" (tune VU #460 – see insert)

Prayer of Approach and Confession

We come into your presence, O Lord, with so many burdens and concerns on our hearts. Help us to be open to your words of healing and restoration. Bring us closer to you. Enable us to discern your will for us that we may serve you more faithfully by serving others in need. Patient Lord, we find it easy to blame others and other circumstances for the things which happen in our lives. We hear the words "if only" and wonder why things didn't happen differently for us. Too often we want you to be a "magic" presence which will, with the wave of a wand, cure our ills, give us success and happiness; but we don't necessarily want to take responsibility for our attitudes and actions. Things happen which we didn't plan for and events swirl around us, over which we have no control. But to place blame and not to find ways in which we can work through the situations is detrimental to everyone, especially ourselves. Forgive us when we are so busy placing blame that we don't recognize your presence and love for us. Free us from placing our own desires first and foremost. Help us to look at the many ways in which you are working in the world for peace and justice, and enable us to be part of that ministry. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

The Word

📖 Scripture Readings – Isaiah 43: 16-21
Philippians 3: 4-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

- * Hymn VU #271 – "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Sermon – "From 'dog dung' to child of God!"

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – "Amazing Grace (My chains are gone)"

The Response

Announcements

- * Offering / Response (tune VU #348)
**To God whose boundless love has won
Salvation for us through the Son,
To God all praise and glory be
Both now and through eternity.**

Pastoral Prayer

- * Hymn VU #635 – "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"
- * Benediction / Response (tune VU #457)
**Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
Bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
To forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image
In the world you died to save.**

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator Laura Steidl, Music Director
Kelsey Shiaro, "Joyful Noise" Director Myrna Hagues, Organist
Sylvia Cassie, Liturgist Gina Grant, Custodian
Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers
Greeters: Debbie & Howard Ashdown
Ushers: Joyce Muir and Betty Ann Orr