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Communion

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

Gathering Song – “*Glory in the Cross*”

Call to Worship

One: Crosses are found in every Christian Church—simple or elaborate works of art---as fine jewelry around our necks.

All: But what does it really mean?

One: To understand the meaning of the cross, you have to be clear on the essential character of God revealed in Jesus.

All: We worship the God who creates, loves and forgives.

* Hymn VU #658 – “*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*”

Prayer of Approach

With honesty, we come to you, O God. As Easter approaches we get more attuned to our faith. We come with our confusion and discomfort about this season of Lent. The darkness and talk of sin make us feel awkward. God, do you want us to feel bad about ourselves? We pray that we will find some peace and understanding in this time of worship. We want to love you, not be afraid of you. We want to feel connected to you as the once whose wisdom transforms the very essence of our lives. Fill us with the Spirit of Christ to bless our worship. AMEN

* Hymn VU #566 – “*Awake, O Sleeper*” (tune is VU #697)

The Word

 Scripture Readings – Romans 8: 6-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Reflection – “The cross-symbol of God’s defiant love”

(a quiet time for your personal reflection and prayer)

Anthem – “Burdens are Lifted at Calvary”

The Response

Announcements / Minute Person – Doug Waldron & Judi Olson-Chiswell

* Offering / Response

**Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked your mercy’s perfect deed;
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.**

Celebration of Communion

Post Communion Prayer

**God of love, the bread and juice we have consumed
were so tiny. Help us to hold fast to the spiritual potential
of what we have just done. Make us righteous beyond our
understanding. Send us out in your Spirit to serve you
with joy. And may our days be filled with surprising
blessings. You make all of this possible in Jesus. AMEN**

* Hymn VU #472 – “*O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*”

* Benediction / Response

**Hope of the world, who by your cross has saved us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt;
We render back the love your mercy gave us;
Take now our lives, with them your kingdom build.**

Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister	Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister
Luci Toews, Church Administrator	Laura Steidl, Music Director
Myrna Hagues, Organist	Gina Grant, Custodian
Bob Mann, Liturgist	Sheryl & Chanel Cale, Joyful Noise
Douglas Gauthier and Gloria Waldron, Nursery Care Givers	

Ushers: Frank Hemming and Gordon Whyte

Greeters: Bill McOuat and Brian Nazarko

Communion Servers: Derek Read, Major Rodd, Doug Waldron
and Bill Belsham