



March 21, 2021  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

First Presbyterian Church of Lynn Haven

*We wish to see Jesus. ~ some Greeks*

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**Prelude** *Be Thou My Vision/I Am Thine, O Lord*

arr. Christi Stills

### Call to Worship

We worship in the season of Lent, a time to examine our hearts and our lives  
*and journey with Christ through the suffering of the world.*

Let us seek God with our whole hearts  
*and treasure God's word in our spirits.*

**Hymn** *As the Deer*

AS THE DEER

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

*Through the season of Lent, O God, we have prayed for clean hearts and right spirits. Forgive us, O Lord, when we have prayed with our words but failed to pray with our actions. Wash us in your mercy; free us to try again. In Christ's name. Amen.*

#### Declaration of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. This day and always, believe the Good News of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

#### The Gospel John 12:20-26

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

**Message** Seeing Jesus...or Not

**Affirmation of Faith** (from the Patmos Abbey, Order of St. Columba, in Australia)

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child. We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a glory we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us. This is our faith and we are humbled to profess it in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**Musical Meditation** *Near the Cross*

arr. Regi Stone

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Response** *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the prayer response, with lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me. O". The second staff continues the melody, with lyrics: "Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me." The notation includes various note values, rests, and a double bar line at the end of the second staff.

**The Lord's Prayer**

*...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**Hymn** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land.  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response** *Lift High the Cross*

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