

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2016

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The Approach to God

PRELUDE

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"Praise You"

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

(I John 3 and 4)

**See how much the Father has loved us!
His love is so great that we are called God's children.
God showed his love for us by sending his only Son into the world.
This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God,
But that God loved us!
God sent his Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE #399**

"Love Divine"

***SALUTATION**

LAW OF GOD

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison)

Lord, you have given us two guidelines, to love you wholeheartedly, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Father, we love you. But we also love to eat well and dress well; we love to be popular and important. Forgive us, we pray, for the times when our priorities are confused. Help us, Lord, to love you with our whole hearts and not just a part.

We also confess that we don't always love our neighbors as we should. It's not that we dislike them, but we just have so many problems of our own and we are so busy, that we can't be concerned about other people. Again, Lord, we ask for your power to change our lives. We are thankful that you are never too busy to love us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Romans 5:6-9a

***CLOSING HYMN #303**

“Be Thou My Vision”

(Our monthly mission offering will be taken during the first verses)

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

“Oh, How I Love Jesus”

Chorus

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY IS MISSION SUNDAY

The Mission of the Month is the North Carolina Food Bank. In addition to directly serving clients, the Food Bank provides places like Dorcas Ministries with fresh items like meat and produce for their clients.

FUTURE DATES

March 24 - 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service

April 4 - 1:00 p.m. Empty Nesters meeting at City BBQ

THE RECORD WE WROTE: FEBRUARY 2016

	<u>February</u>	<u>12 Mo Avg</u>
Income:	\$13,545	\$11,459
Expenses:	\$14,543*	\$16,334

*Mortgage is Interest Only

FOOD PANTRY

The following is needed at the food pantry: fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, beef stew, canned tomatoes, beverages, sugar, toothpaste and cleaning products. Thanks for your help.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

There is a need for volunteers who can provide snacks on Sunday mornings following worship. Please see the sign-up sheet and sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Your help is greatly appreciated!