

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
April 6, 2025

† Please stand as you are able.



*QR Code for Nursery  
Sign-In and Out Log*

*Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship*

Why are you here?

**I want to encounter God and live into God's ways.**

I see it! You're in the right place!

This is God's house, and the door is open to you.

**Why are *you* here?**

I am seeking God, and I want to live into God's ways.

**We see that! You're in the right place.**

This is God's house, and the door is open.

Let us worship God.

**Let us worship and learn from the Spirit. Amen!**

*Opening Prayer*

**Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in your loving care and presence with us. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

† *Opening Hymn*      "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"      **UMH 384**  
*After this hymn, children ages 0-5 may proceed to the nursery with the volunteers.*

† *Hymn*      "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"      **UMH 432**

*Prayer for Illumination*

**Bread of Heaven, as we open Your Word, nourish us with the wisdom of Your Spirit. Break open the Scriptures, may the seed of Your Word take root in our hearts and bear much fruit, for the glory of Your name. Amen.**

*Old Testament Reading*      2 Kings 23:1-7, 21-23, 25      Herb Schwarze  
*Gospel Reading*      John 12:20-33

*Offering and Song*      "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"      **UMH 298**



*PUMC QR Code*

*Sermon*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures high and low.  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.**

"Unless a Grain of Wheat Dies..."      Rev. Adam Benson

HOLY COMMUNION

*Prayer of Confession*

**Loving and Self-Giving Lord, your love for and commitment to us was undeniable and shown forth for the whole world to see on Calvary. You loved fully, courageously and without cautiousness—help us to love like that. We have failed to share your love and our love with others, and sometimes we have done harm. Forgive us for our sins. In a world that prioritizes power, wealth, selfishness, and money, help us to be about a different kind of power, Kingdom, and love, such as a grain of wheat that falls and dies, so that it can produce much fruit. May our lives be such an offering. Amen.**

*Words of Forgiveness*

Hear this good news, even though our hearts may be troubled, Jesus knows what we've gone through. He's been there, too. And, the good news is, Jesus shows us on the cross a love and a mercy, which was laid out bare and broken open for the whole world to see, that is so deep and wide, so that all may find welcome back home into the arms of God. Thanks be to God. Amen.

† *Passing of the Peace*

*At this time, you may stand and greet your neighbor offering signs of peace*

*You may follow along on UMH 15-16 for the liturgy for Holy Communion.  
The Receiving of Holy Communion*

† *Closing Song*      "Take, O Take Me as I Am"      **TFWS 2158**

† *Announcements*

† *Benediction*

† *Chiming the Trinity*

† *Postlude*

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