

Order of Service April 6, 2025—Pastor Kristi Ursin  
LENT 5 / Communion

Organist: Sarah Lemmer, *Thank you!*

Announcements, Concerns, Joys

Call to Worship

Psalm 126 (read responsively)

pew Bible p.967

**\*Confession and Forgiveness** (from Sundays & Seasons, copyright 2024, Augsburg Fortress)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*(Silence for reflection.)*

P: Compassionate One,

**C: You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*Change My Heart O God*  
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**\*Kyrie** (response: **Lord, have mercy**)

LBW p.78

**\*Prayer of the Day:** Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Children will be dismissed to their classes*

Sharing the Peace *(Spoken only, refrain from shaking hands)*

Receiving our Offerings of Thanksgiving

## Offering Prayer

P: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah, the 43<sup>rd</sup> chapter (43:16-21)                      pew Bible, p.1127  
(after each reading, "The word of the Lord." **"Thanks be to God!"**)

A reading from Philippians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter (3:4b-14)                      pew Bible, p.1828

Gospel Acclamation: Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus (*Phil. 3:13-14*)

\*The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter (12:1-8)                      pew Bible, p. 1670  
Before the gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord!**  
After the gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

## Sermon/Homily

\*Hymn of the Day                      *A Prophet-Women Broke a Jar*                      printed, back of song page  
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\*The Creed                      LBW, p. 85

\*The Prayers of Intercession (Each petition ends: God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**)

\*Communion  
The Great Thanksgiving                      LBW, p.88  
Holy, Holy, Holy                      LBW, p.89  
The Lord's Prayer                      LBW, p. 91  
Distribution of Communion  
Lamb of God                      LBW, p.92

## \*Blessing

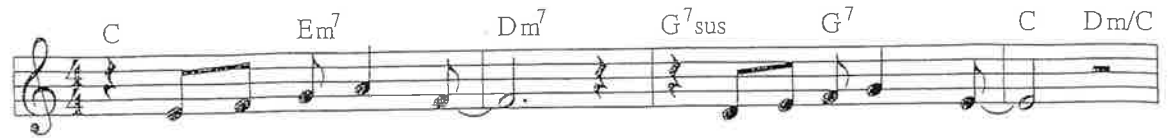
God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,  
+ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

\*Sending Hymn                      *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*                      LBW #482  
(sung to a different, more familiar melody)

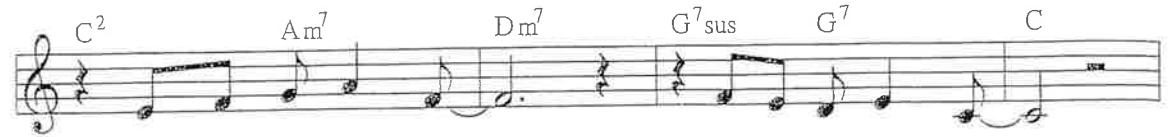
## \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.  
**Thanks be to God!**

# Change my heart, O God



Change my heart, O God. Make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.



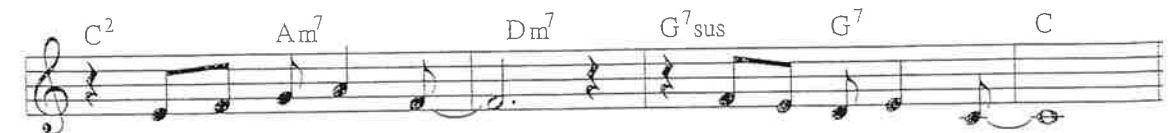
You are the pot - ter, I am the clay;



mold me and make me, this is what I pray.



Change my heart, O God. Make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

## A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

A prophet-woman broke a jar, by Love's divine appointing.

With rare perfume she filled the room, presiding and anointing.

A prophet-woman broke a jar, the sneers of scorn defying.

With rare perfume she filled the room, preparing Christ for dying.

A faithful woman left a tomb by Love's divine commission.

She saw, she heard, she preached the Word, arising from submission.

A faithful woman left a tomb, with resurrection gospel.

She saw, she heard, she preached the Word, apostle to apostle.

Though woman wisdom, woman truth, for centuries were hidden,

unsung, unwritten, and unheard, derided and forbidden,

the Spirit's breath, the Spirit's fire, on free and slave descending,

can tumble our dividing walls, our shame and sadness mending.

The Spirit knows, the Spirit calls, by Love's divine ordaining,

The friends we need to serve and lead, their powers and gifts unchaining.

The Spirit knows, the Spirit calls, from women, men, and children,

the friends we need, to serve and lead. Rejoice and make them welcome!