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#### Fifth Saturday after Pentecost

## Prelude

"Violin Concerto in G Major" (I. Allegro) by Antonio Vivaldi Rachel Cox, violin

## Welcome, Announcements, & Greetings

## **Opening Hymn**

"Be Thou My Vision"

by Eleanor Hull & Mary Byrne

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou Art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## Invocation

*Pastor*: In the name of the Father and of the  $\bigstar$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **People:** Amen.

## **Confession & Absolution**

## Hymn of Praise

Wonderful, merciful Savior,

You are the One we adore. You give the healing and grace

Our hearts always hunger for,

Precious Redeemer and Friend

Could rescue the souls of men? Oh. You rescue the souls of men.

Who would have thought that a Lamb

Chorus: You are the One that we praise,

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

by Dawn Rodgers & Eric Wyse

You offer hope when our hearts Have hopelessly lost the way. Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

#### chorus

Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness You find us Falling before Your throne. Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;

Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

### chorus

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# First Reading

# Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Lector:This is the Word of the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter. **People:** Glory to You, O Lord.

# Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:10-12 (NIV)

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Lector:This is the Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Evening "O for a Heart to Praise My God"

by Charles Wesley & Lowell Mason

O for a heart to praise my God, a heart from sin set free, a heart that always feels Thy blood so freely shed for me.

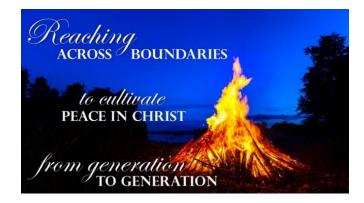
A heart resigned, submissive, meek, my great Redeemer's throne, where only Christ is heard to speak, where Jesus reigns alone.

A humble, lowly, contrite heart, believing, true, and clean,

which neither life nor death can part from Christ who dwells within.

A heart in ev'ry thought renewed and full of love divine, perfect and right and pure and good, a copy, Lord, of Thine.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart; come quickly from above; write Thy new name upon my heart, Thy new best name of Love.



James 1:2-4 (NIV)

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## The Bible Doesn't Say That

Pastor Dave Bass

"Suffering Always Comes from Sin"

To watch and listen to last week's sermon, visit <u>tinyurl.com/smlcslive</u>.

## **Sermon Outline**

Sermon Thought #1: The threaded narrative of humanities' story from	to
includes suffering. It can become easy to lool	k at, suffering,
and and lump it all together into one theological s	tatement:
always comes from	

Sermon Thought #2: The	_ work of Jesus on the cross and i	in the tomb and
His resurrection from death is the	for the	of the
entire creation.		

Sermon Thought #3: Suffe	ring is a	_ of living in a	world, but
how we respond to it is our	choice. No matter what the _	of our tri	als may be, God will
use suffering to	and	us as we walk with	Him through it.

## **Apostles' Creed**

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## Offering

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

arr. by Ben Ball Rachel Cox, violin

Text for Meditation: Come, you disconsolate, where'er you languish; Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel. Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal.

As stewards of God's abundant gifts, we are called to use our time, talents and treasures to further His kingdom and serve one another in love. "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Let us continue to grow in faith and generosity, trusting that God will provide for all our needs as we faithfully serve Him.

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## National Youth Gathering Commissioning

## Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

**Holy Communion** 

Distribution Hymns	"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"	770
	"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"	610
Blessing		

**Closing Hymn** 

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	809
(verses 1 & 3)	

## Postlude

