



**MAKING**  
**ROOM**

PREPARE THE WAY FOR TRANSFORMATION

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 21, 2021

# Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

## Scripture for Meditation

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. <sup>4</sup> And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. <sup>5</sup> And this hope will not lead to disappointment. (Rom 5:3-5a NLT)

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all

**People: And also with you.**

## Opening Praise and Prayer

## Yes and Amen

Music by Chris McClarney, Nate Moore, and Tony Brown  
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## Prayer of Confession

## Alive & Breathing

Music by Matt Maher and Elle Limebear  
CCLI Song #7138680; © 2019 Be Essential Songs

## Kids' Time

## That Would Be My Jesus

Kathie Hill

## Announcements

## Minute for Ministry

## Realm Introduction

## Offering

## Way Maker

Music by Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu  
CCLI Song # 7115744 © 2016 Integrity Music

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## Scripture Reading

## Romans 12:9-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

**Making Room in Your Suffering**

5<sup>th</sup> in the Series "Making Room: Prepare the Way for Transformation"

**Closing Song**

**Yes I Will**

Music by Eddie Hoagland, Mia Fields, Jonathan Smith  
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**Blessing**

**Postlude**

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Welcome & Sermon  
Worship Leader and Liturgist  
Scripture Reader

Pianist (9:30)  
Vocals (9:30)  
Choral Music  
Director of Music  
Organist (11:00)  
A/V - Live-stream production  
A/V – Audio technician

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard  
Rev. Greg Buell  
Jim Pugh (9:30)  
Sandy Mauk (11:00)  
Jim Peterson  
Ellen Westel and Renate Graham  
Children's Choir  
Ruth G. Heald  
Sharon Peterson  
Ed Burton  
Kyle Johnston

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# Traditional Service - 11:00 am

## Scripture for Meditation

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**Prelude**                      **Organ Sonata, Op. 18, #2:I. Fast energetic**  
Hugo Distler

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all;

**People: And also with you.**

**Opening Hymn**                      **O God, Our Help in Ages Past**                      **#405**  
Verses 1, 3-6

## Response: Psalm 107:1-3, 10-16

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—  
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,**

Those he gathered from the lands,  
from east and west, from north and south.

**Some sat in darkness, in utter darkness,  
prisoners suffering in iron chains,**

Because they rebelled against God's commands  
and despised the plans of the Most High.

**So he subjected them to bitter labor;  
They stumbled, and there was no one to help.**

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he saved them from their distress.

**He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness,  
and broke away their chains.**

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,

**For he breaks down gates of bronze  
and cuts through bars of iron.**

## Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.  
Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51:9-10)

**All:** O Lord, you desire truth and teach us wisdom in our inward being. By your grace and mercy, forgive us for turning from You and following the ways of this world. Send out your light, send out your truth, and let them lead us back to you. Take from us the weight of our sin, that room might be made for Your presence. If we prepare a dwelling place, the Spirit will abide within us, and the truth will set our spirits free. O Lord, by your mercy and grace do a new work within as we abide in You, that we might be conformed more and more into the image of Your beloved Son. Then shall we live in love, not only in word or in speech, but by our thoughts and actions as well, and by this others will know that we are your faithful servants.

*(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### **Gloria Patri**

### **Minute for Mission**

### **Realm Introduction**

### **Anthem**

### **That Would Be My Jesus**

Kathie Hill

### **Scripture Reading**

### **Romans 12:9-21**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

### **Making Room in Your Suffering**

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### **Offering**

### **John 3:16**

Kathie Hill

### **Closing Hymn**

### **It Is Well**

(When Peace Like a River)

**#451**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

### **Recessional**

Luis Urteaga

# Questions for Discussion

## Making Room in Your Suffering: Romans 12:9-21

### Opening Discussion:

- If someone asked you, “What does the life of a Christian look like?” what would you say? What are the basics of how a Christian should live?

### Digging Deeper:

- Read Romans 12:9-21, pay attention to those verses that stand out to you.
- How would you describe this list of instructions? What is Paul’s goal here?
- Share what you think are the key commands in this passage and why.
- How is a list of ‘dos and don’ts” different from Romans 12:9-12? Which is easier to follow?

### Life Application:

- Of the instructions given by Paul in this passage, which resonate with you the most? Which ones are easiest for you to live out? Which are most difficult?
- How do you think one grows in conforming to the lifestyle that Paul describes here?

### Suggestions for Prayer:

- Lift up to God 2 or 3 of the instructions in the passage that challenge you the most or where you need the Spirit’s guidance and strength to accomplish. Acknowledge both your desire to follow in the life of Christ, as well as your struggles and ask for God to lovingly transform you by his Spirit into the image of his Son Jesus Christ.