

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

As we approach this fifth Sunday of Lent we have the opportunity to ask ourselves if we are ready to follow Jesus. We may feel that this is a simple question with an easy “yes.” BUT the call to follow Jesus means we are dying to ourselves, turning to God’s ways and not the world’s, and loving as God loves. Even though this may not be an easy “yes,” God’s loved lived out through us in the world can bring transformation on earth. I pray that we will each continue to dig into scripture, spend time in daily devotion, and that we will be God’s agents of transformational love in the world.

Prayer for the fifth week in Lent:

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of Your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Book of Common Worship, PCUSA

Scripture texts for this Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34 and John 12:20-33

I hope you will take time to read and reflect on this week’s texts prior to Sunday worship.

Zoom link for Sunday worship

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83805350569?pwd=ZWc2dVhnKzNVb2ZFS045Sjk1cStEQT09>

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