

Fifth Sunday in Lent



*Adapted from the original
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- L: We are closer to the events in Jerusalem every day.
- P: **We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.**
- L: When your people were slaves, you led the faithful through the waters and set them free. But we struggle with the freedom you give us.
- P: **We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.**
- L: Always you reach out to us. Yet so often we have ignored your open arms and fled from your grace and freedom—and our responsibility.
- P: **We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.**
- L: Let us pray.
- All: **Loving God, you have loved us beyond all measure, but we continue to look for life outside of your embrace. On this journey, remind us that true freedom comes in obedience to you and following where you lead. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**



Women Farmers Ensure Food Security

In the village of Mwenitanga in Malawi, Twambilire inspected the soil that lay beneath the layers of flimsy husks on her plot of land.

Twambilire had witnessed the effects of climate change on her farm in the frequency and severity of both droughts and rain—events that make it difficult for her to grow enough food to eat and sell at the market.

One day, Twambilire decided to sign up for a PWS&D-supported program teaching conservation agriculture. At the workshop, she learned to farm in a way that encourages crop rotation, organic fertilizers and minimal soil disturbance.

Twambilire proudly shares that since mulching her plot and implementing what she had learned, her once-degraded soil is now fertile and healthy. She has also become a lead farmer with the PWS&D project, teaching other farmers in her community about conservation agriculture.

This Lenten season faithfully respond with PWS&D as we help farmers adapt to climate change so that they can increase their yields and improve nutrition for their families.



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