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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023
11:00 am Traditional Worship

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Traditional Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Lenten Meditation"

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Coming from places that have seen better days,

God bids us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.

Come Holy Spirit, Come and speak words of life over us!

May the Holy Spirit breathe new life within us,

renewing our connection with God and with one another!

*Hymn UMH #261 "Lord of the Dance"

*Opening Prayer of Confession

God, we confess we often doubt your words of life and succumb to despair and fear. We have experienced loss and grief in waves of pain that seem relentless and unending. Help us to once again hear your words that speak to the darkness and woundedness of our hearts. Give us courage to face our fear. Give us awareness that you have offered to all those who have gone before us, a place in your kingdom. Speak again your words of life! Help us move away from the prison of death to the light of eternal life and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen

*Assurance of Pardon

Though darkness and death appear all around, there is the comforting healing light of God's love shining on you and in you.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Peace *(As forgiven, reconciled people, let us show one another signs of reconciliation & love).*

First Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Deanna Scroggs

Open Altar, Open Heart *(As "Call to Prayer" is sung, all are invited to come to the altar for morning prayer led by a Pastor).*

Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*The Apostles' Creed UMH #881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

*Gloria Patri UMH #71

Children's Celebration

"Jesus Loves Me" UMH #191 *(Sung as the children come forward)*

Anthem

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

*Gospel Lesson:

John 11:1-45

Sermon

"Encounter in the Graveyard"

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory

"Out of the Depths I Cry to You"

*Doxology

UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn UMH #261

"Breathe on Me Breath of God"

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

"Your Love, O God"

**Please stand as you are able.*