

*You are invited to stand in either spirit or body.

Morning Worship, Sunday, 3/29/20

5th Sunday in Lent

Words to ponder: “When our lives feel like a valley of dried bones, the Spirit clothes our hearts with flesh and breathes new life into our souls.”

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11
Scriptures for 6th Sunday in Lent: Liturgy of the Palms – Matthew 21:1-11;
Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29; Liturgy of the Passion; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philemon 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

(Please fill out the “prayer card” in your pew and return to usher during 1st hymn.)

Welcome Pastor Ed

Announcements (see insert in bulletin) Patty Dayton

Call to Worship: *(responsively)*

Patty: When our lives become a valley of dry bones,

People: God clothes us with flesh and hearts that beat with love.

Patty: When our souls seem withered away,

People: God breathes new life into us once more that we might live.

Patty: Come! Let us worship.

Opening Prayer: *(Unison)* God of promise and hope, we come to you feeling dried up, like a valley filled with dry bones. Share your visions of new life with us, that we might have hope for our future. Bring us up from the grave, that we might live as people of promise. Put your Spirit within us, that we might have life everlasting. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Ezekiel 37:1-14 Patty Dayton

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Reading** John 11:1-45 Patty Dayton

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon *“Amazing Grace”* Pastor Ed

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession: *(Unison)* Lord of life, we come to you consumed by our worry and our pain. When we blame you for not being there in our need, forgive us. When we turn away from you in moments of loss, guide us back to your faithful arms. For we long to put our faith in your promised healing. We yearn to truly believe that you are the resurrection and the life. Teach us once more, Merciful One, that you weep when we weep, and rejoice as we find our way home. Amen.

Silent Meditation & Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Response: “Lord, hear our prayers”.

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts *(Please mail in your offerings)*

***Offering Prayer** *(Unison)* Holy God, you sent your Son into the world, that we might set our minds on life and peace, rather than dwelling on earthly things. Receive this offering, that it may go forth to continue the work of Christ, who brings fullness of life. May our gifts be a source of light in a world that has learned to love the darkness. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Lord's Prayer

*Benediction

Pastor Ed



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