

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*  
*World Water Day*

**March 22, 2026**

**Eleven O'Clock**

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast ~ Liturgist: Pat Nash

## **PRELUDE:**

## **CHIMING THE HOUR**

**GREETINGS** Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

**Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the the Assurance of Pardon**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,**

People: **He who raised Christ from the dead will give life...through His Spirit that dwells in you.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

**Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** **Glorious God, we celebrate with joy the gift of Your Son. We know that through Him we have eternal life. Together we worship and glorify Your Holy name. Amen.**

**Our first hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 286 "*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*" TRENTHAM

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** **If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.**

**Let us pray together**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful and ever-present God, we come before You in humble supplication. Though we try to be obedient followers we let the desires of the world interfere. When we try to be loving, people seem to become less lovable. When we work to bring Your glory to all people we walk away in frustration because the evil around us makes it too hard. Forgive us when we give in to the evils of this world and give us strength to move forward as Your true disciples. (Say – "**Please pray silently,**" and after about 20 seconds, say, **Amen**) Amen**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: **Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**You may be seated**

**A TIME FOR YOUTH It is now time for youth, so would our youth please come forward.**

**Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lord give us understanding of Your ways and a desire to always follow. Though the world crumbles around us and fear grips others, we know that You are God. Let us hear the Good News of the Gospel with our ears and hearts. We ask in the name of Your Son, Amen.**

**PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 130 please read it responsively with me.**

Leader: **Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord.**

People: **Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

Leader: **If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?**

People: **But there is forgiveness with You, so that You may be revered.**

Leader: **I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in His word I hope;**

People: **my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: **O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is great power to redeem..**

People: **It is He who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Ezekiel 37:1-14, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 806 of the Old Testament**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."**

**So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.**

**Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**The choir will now sing the Anthem:**

**ANTHEM:** "Near the Cross" arr. Rouse

**GOSPEL LESSON** Our Gospel Lesson comes from John 11:1-45 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 104-105 of the New Testament

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she

knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

## **SERMON**

Rev. Janet Boyanton

**Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:**

**\*HYMN** (insert) "On a Hill Far Away" Author: George Bernard

**Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.**

**\*AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 "Glory Be to the Father" *GLORIA PATRI*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, amen.**

**You may be seated, and now I would like to bring you a Minute for Mission**

**A MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Pat Nash

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY** And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

### **OFFERTORY:**

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord, we thank You for the gifts You have given us. The gift of life, of love, of laughter, of beauty, of joy, and especially the gift of Your Son, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Use our gifts for Your kingdom. Amen.

**Our last Hymn today is:**

**\*HYMN** No. 834 *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* PRECIOUS LORD

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 515 vs. 5 *"I Come with Joy"* DOVE OF PEACE

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **\*POSTLUDE:**

# Daily Bread

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

**TUESDAY** – 10:30 AM Tuesday morning group - Bible Study

**THURSDAY** – 10:00 AM Art Group

**NEXT SUNDAY** –

09:45 AM Choir Practice

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

## EASTER LILY SIGN-UP SHEET

There is a sign-up sheet on the large round table in the Opportunity Corner if you would like to purchase Easter Lilies. The last day to sign-up will be Sunday, March 29, 2026.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Jessica Zinn

Travel mercies for our members and friends who are traveling

Makia's childhood friend passed away, prayers for his friends and family

## CELEBRATIONS

Lori celebrated Joan Christy's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday

PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS  
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE