

March 26, 2023

5th Sunday in Lent

Prelude ~

Welcome & Announcements:

Colleen Schulz

***Opening Hymn:** “This Is the Day of New Beginnings”

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Psalm Reading: Psalm 130

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Call To Worship:

Come, all who have turned away from God.

Here, we find forgiveness and healing.

Come, all who look for hope.

Here, we embrace God’s steadfast love.

Come, and fill your hearts with praise and thanksgiving.

Let us praise God!

Opening Prayer:

Great God of comfort and healing, we come today with many questions: “How will we survive the challenges of this day? Can we get through our moments of loss and grief? Will we be comforted when our tears flow like mighty streams?” During our questions, we hear voices of assurance and comfort. “I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live. With the Lord there is steadfast love. The Spirit of God dwells in you. You will see the glory of God.” May these voices remind us of your abiding presence, and your steadfast love. Thank you for walking with us throughout our days In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-4

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***Hymn of Praise:** “Trust and Obey”

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***Prayer of Confession:**

O Lord, there are times when we are so lost, we forget to look to you. Forgive us when we turn away from your love. Forgive us when we doubt our own feelings and the feelings of others. Forgive us when we forget that your Holy Spirit dwells within us. Help us see your love and your presence in our lives. Help us trust you no matter what life may bring and help us follow you faithfully. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

People of God, the steadfast love and redeeming power of God is with you today and always. You are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri:**

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Greet One Another and Pass the Peace of Christ

Children’s Choir “ All Around the World”
“Jesus Loves Me”

Children Message

Noisy Sunday

Joys and Concerns:

Pastoral Prayer:

The Lord’s Prayer:

Presentation of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings:

Offertory Prayer:

People of God, the steadfast love and redeeming power of God is with you today and always. You are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Abundant God, thank you for the gifts we bring to you. May these gifts bring new life to those who are in need in our community and in the world. In your beloved name, we pray. Amen.

***Doxology:**

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Gospel Reading: John 1:1-45

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New Testament Reading: Romans 8:6-11

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Message:

***Closing Hymn:** “Spirit of the Living”

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***Benediction:**

***Sending Fourth:** “ Lead on, O King External” vs1

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Postlude:

Weekly Readings:

Monday John 1:1-5
Tuesday Hebrews 11:1-3
Wednesday 1 Peter 1:13-21
Thursday Hebrews 6:13-20
Friday Galatians 5:2-6
Saturday Acts 23:6-11



Announcements this week:

Order Forms for Easter Sunday flowers are at the back of the sanctuary. Deadline to order flowers is March 26th.

- * **Monday:** Upper Room Bible Study @ 1:30 p.m.
Shawl Ministry @ 7:00 p.m.
- * **Tuesday:** Meekness Circle 7:00 p.m.
- * **Wednesday:** Joy Circle 9:00 a.m.
Chimes @ 4:15 p.m.
Confirmation @ 6:00 p.m.
Jubilation 7:00 p.m

“The Chosen.” Sundays: March 26 and April 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayers:

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