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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 2023 ~ 8:30AM and 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Wayfaring Stranger

(arr. Gilbert M. Martin)

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
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And the Lord will redeem Israel from all iniquities.

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life.

We seek peace through war and find security in weapons.

We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor.

And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you!

**Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord,
can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!

If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life
and the grace of God will be your righteousness.

And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead,
will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

LET US PRAY:

God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call:
for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts,
bringing us new life with your grace and love and power.
Lead us in our time of worship that we may be prepared to follow your lead,
and when we leave these walls, help us live the teachings we proclaim
within this place of worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

✠HYMN OF PRAISE #57 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

✠THE APOSTLES' CREED

✠GLORIA PATRI

OFFERING *Do You Believe This?* (Biery)

✠DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 37:1-14

HYMN OF PREPARATION #420 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

GOSPEL LESSON John 11:1-45

SERMON "Even Now, Lord" Rev. Laura Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #707 *Hymn of Promise*

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* (arr. Craig Penfield)
✠ Stand as able

Assisting in Worship Today: Rev. Laura Parker

Liturgist, Dr. Ann Pearson

Acolyte: (8:30) Cate Richardson, Ellie Strunk(11:00) Nicholas Goleash

Music: Tom Hood, John Richardson, Chancel Choir

Media and Sound: Alex Beaman, John McClellan, Wright Tapscott



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord God, Great I Am,
you are resurrection and life.**

**As we worship you this day
show us who we are:**

**bearers of good news,
messengers of resurrection;**

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SINGING OUR PRAISES

Come Ye Sinners

Lazarus and the Rich Man

All My Hope

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"To Behold and Believe"

Dr. Darren M. McClellan

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GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

As you come before God to receive this Holy Meal,
You are invited to bring all of who you are as an offering
to the one who has given all of who he is for us.

****Baskets are available to present your offering
as you come forward to receive the bread and cup.*

INVITATION TO PRAYER AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

SENDING FORTH

CLOSING SONG

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Acolytes: Emma Clare Furlong, Edmund Furlong
Communion Servers: Nadine and Barry Baskin, Emily and Doug Garner,
Diana Justis, Charles Searce, Deb and Tom Slone
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