

March 22, 2026  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

PRELUDE

“We Thank Thee, Lord Jesus, for Thy Redemptive Death” Dupre

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is merciful and gracious, Ps. 103:8

**slow to anger and abounding in love.**

The Lord makes a new covenant with us. Jer. 31:31, 33

**We are God’s people; the Lord is our God.**

Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life. John 11:25-26

**Those who believe in Christ will never die.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ HYMN: GTG #728 SOMEBODY’S KNOCKIN’

“Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door”

CALL TO CONFESSION

2 Cor. 5:20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE “Come and See (Kyrie)” MH KYRIE

Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.

Interlude

Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.

Translation: Lord, Lord, Lord have mercy. Christ, Christ, Christ have mercy.  
Christ, Christ, we adore you. Alleluia, Lord have mercy.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

2 Cor. 6:2

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

HYMN: GTG #250 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” PROMISE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... In your steadfast love, O Lord,  
**have mercy on us.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

Debbie Markiewicz

One Great Hour of Sharing

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Mark 8:36-37

OFFERTORY

“I Need Thee Every Hour” Lowry / arr. Keveren

+ RESPONSE: GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adapted from the Belhar Confession (1982)

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
The dry bones of Israel

O.T. page 618

PSALM

Psalm 130  
Mercy and redemption

Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

**O LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

**in order that you may be feared.**

I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord more than those**

**who keep watch for the morning,**

**more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the LORD,

for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**For the LORD shall redeem Israel**

**from all their sins.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8:6-11  
Life in the Spirit

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GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:1-45  
The raising of Lazarus

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RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

We proclaim Christ crucified—  
the wisdom and power of God.

1 Cor. 1:23-25

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” arr. Raney

SERMON

“Lazarus, Come Out!” Rev. Bill Pinches

+ HYMN: GTG #634

“To God Be the Glory” TO GOD BE THE GLORY

+ CHARGE

2 Cor. 5:19

Go in peace,  
proclaiming the message of reconciliation

God has entrusted to us.

**Amen.**

+ BLESSING

Isa. 58:11

May the Lord guide you always,  
satisfying your hunger and thirst  
in this dry and weary land.

**Alleluia!**

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Amen” AMEN (Harling)

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare” Haan

**You are invited to join us  
for fellowship and refreshments  
after worship in the Memorial Room.**

*It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.*

SERVING US TODAY

**Guest Organist:** Caitlyn Brown

**Liturgist:** Lucinda Davenport

**Greeters:** Mary and Will Ozee

**Next Week’s Greeters:** Greg and Suzanne Lang

**Sound:** Marty Subject

**Livestream:** Tami Chapman

**Security:** Tim Hammond and Doreen Chapman

**Today’s flowers are given by**

Debbie Shellenbarger

in memory of

loved ones

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

**#70: Bartholomew**

Early Christian legends say that the apostle Bartholomew preached the Gospel in India and Armenia, and was martyred in the city of Albanopolis (in Turkey or Azerbaijan).

THE STUDY CATECHISM

**Question 107. What is the sixth commandment?**

“You shall not murder” (Ex. 20:13; Deut. 5:17).

**Question 108. What do you learn from this commandment?**

God forbids anything that harms my neighbor unfairly. Murder or injury can be done not only by direct violence but also by an angry word or a clever plan, and not only by an individual but also by unjust social institutions. I should honor every human being, including my enemy, as a person made in God’s image.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Today</b>	Adult Sunday School	11:30 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Midweek Prayer Service	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (K-12)	4:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mar. 22: Shirley Day  
Mar. 26: Mary Torrey

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