

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 29, 2020 † 10:00 AM
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Jeff Binder
MUSICIANS: Bob Hinson, Greg Russell, Luke Smith, Turner Sanderman
LITURGISTS: David and Renn Sanderman
AUDIO/VISUAL: Bob Rasmussen, Steve Rees

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND ELEMENTS

WORDS OF PRAISE

We gather on this fifth Sunday of Lent from all over the world!

We gather in our pajamas, we gather over breakfast, we gather as individuals and families alike.

We gather in our own ways and in our own places, yet we gather as one community!

We gather to worship God who is present in all places, all times, and all circumstances.

Join me, and others from all places, as we worship the God of new life!

Let us worship the Lord of our salvation!

HYMN No. 826 (Lift High the Cross)

Refrain: ***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.***

Verse 1: ***Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.***

Refrain

Verse 2: ***All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.***

Refrain

Verse 3: ***O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.***

Refrain

Verse 4: ***So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory.***

Refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE No. 203 (Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love)

Refrain: *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

Verse 4: *Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet; this is the way we should live like you.*

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 658 (God Is So Good)

Verse 1: *God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.*

Verse 3: *God loves me so; God loves me so; God loves me so; God's so good to me.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

SOLO (One Wish by Dave and Jean Perry. Greg Russell, piano; Turner Sanderman, soloist)

MESSAGE (Dry Bones by Rev. Jeff Binder)

HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 286 (Breathe on Me, Breath of God)

Verse 1: *Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

Verse 2: *Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*

Verse 3: *Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.*

Verse 4: *Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY (Offerings can be mailed into the church office or made online by visiting our website:
www.valleycommunity.org)

DOXOLOGY

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.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

CLOSING HYMN No. 216 (Beneath the Cross of Jesus)

Verse 1: *Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noon-tide heat, and the burden of the day.*

Verse 2: *Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me; and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess: the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.*

Verse 3: *I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

We go from this place assured of God's presence in our lives.

We go from this place emboldened to walk in faith.

The world asks if these dried up bones can live once again.

Hear the word of the Lord! These bones shall live once again!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Amen.

POSTLUDE