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During this time of concern regarding the coronavirus and the desire to protect the health and wellbeing of our communities, the following is an online version of worship for you to use in the comfort (and safety) of your own home. The Session will continue to monitor the situation and will keep you updated as changes unfold.

Please let us know if you have prayer concerns or other needs as we continue to be the body of Christ during these difficult times.

*Always remember you are never alone but in Christ we are united and He, the Perfect Shepherd, never leaves His flock untended.
May you feel His incredible blessing fill you
as you draw closer to Him.*

ORGAN PRELUDE

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qp4MjHWZS5c>

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O mortal, can these bones live?

Many: Only the Lord God knows.

One: O people, hope in the Lord.

**All: With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to
redeem.**

*** OPENING HYMN** Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rP6cPffwPs8>

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? 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.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

Ps. 103:17

AN ACT OF PRAISE

Gloria

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, we wait for you, and in your Word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 130

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. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

MUSIC I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130) Lyrics ~ Shane & Shane

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8C3WQ1G1Uso>

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, "Prophecy 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.

MUSIC Every dry bone is rising up again - Chris Shalom

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDIEhGvrAw8>

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Stephanie DeGeneste

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrhC_2oHJrg

NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God

dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL READING John 11:1-45

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfvzTmlmOCQ>

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.

SERMON

Rev. Lynn Santulli

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGFjSzq6nBY>

SERMON HYMN

When Jesus Wept

Karle Erickson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dr8gOuZX8Mc>

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle’s Creed

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.

OFFERING - *Reflect on what offering might make to those around you and to the community. Commit your tithes to church (you can even go to the church’s website and click on ‘Donate Now’ to send in your gifts or mail them to the church office.)*

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, how can we forget the abundant blessings you have given us, why would our hearts be afraid? We offer these gifts to you in faith and in trust and in the confidence that they will be used for the building up of Your Kingdom here on earth. Lord, grant that we may make a difference, lighting the darkness with Your Spirit of love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Health Issues:

Brian; Anthony; The Beaucasan Family; Leon Edwards; Cynthia; Elaine Duesbury; Frank; Drew Moore; Candyce Norris; Glenna Stevens; Terry; Janie Whiteford; Henry Ward, Jr.; Jay and daughter; Chrissie and her son Jake; Bob Newell; Kassi and Family; Juliet Fydrich; Neen Davis; Michael R.; Karen West; Lindsey Loftons and Brenda Hopper; Kathy Fyfee; Thomas West Jr.; Marlotte Toy Williams;

Homebound:

Sonnia Cook; George Germinder; Mary Jo Buck.

Bereavement:

Mr. Murray Cunningham; Mr. Kyle Hodge

World Issues:

Southern Cameroon (Ambazonia)

Everyone on the front line fighting this virus and those whose lives have been impacted by it.

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.

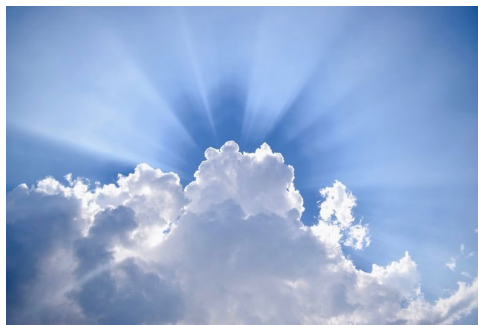
CLOSING HYMN & BENEDICTION

God Be With You Til We Meet Again
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZHrtHdbdOE>

POSTLUDE

Contemporary Selection: I Will Rescue You Lauren Daigle
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYR0xP1j4PY>

Classical Selection: Five Variants of "Dives and Lazarus"
Ralph Vaughan Williams
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQoP9iLwoos>



An Original Poem by Elder Janice Haer

valleys

yea
though I
walk.
yes, walk
not linger. not rest.
walk

yea
though I
walk through.
yes, through
all the way. to the end.
walk through

yea

though I
walk through
the valley.
yes, the valley
surrounded, protected. by mountains.
the valley

yea
though I
walk through
the valley
of the shadow.
yes, shadow
not substance. not reality.
shadow

yea
though I
walk through
the valley
of the shadow
of death.
yes, death
not the absence of life. the absence of God.
death

yea
though I
walk through
the valley
of the shadow
of death
I shall come
to lie down in pastures green
beside the still waters
for there

I shall dwell with my Shepherd.
I shall not want for
He shall comfort me
All the days of my life.

Yea,
the Lord is my Shepherd.
the Lord is my Comfort.
the Lord is my Dwelling Place.
Forever.

Ps. 23:1-2, 4a, 6

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