

For Prayer & Contemplation

I believe that justice and mercy are simply one and the same thing; without justice to the full there can be no mercy, and without mercy to the full there can be no justice; -George MacDonald

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "When Jesus Wept" - arr. Nixon

Call to Worship (written by BJ Beu)

One: Behold a miracle.

All: A valley full of dry bones is transformed into a people of love and life.

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All: The graves are opened. Death has lost its sting.

One: Come and worship the one who never forsakes us!

All: Let us worship the Lord.

***Hymn No. 366** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Prayer of Confession (written by BJ Beu)

Lord of life, we come to you consumed by our worry and our pain. When we blame you for not being there in our need, forgive us. When we turn away from you in moments of loss, guide us back to your faithful arms.

For we long to put our faith in your promised healing.

We yearn to truly believe that you are the resurrection and the life. Teach us once more, Merciful One, that you weep when we weep, and rejoice as we find our way home.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: Jesus knows our every weakness and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

***Hymn No. 581** "Glory Be to the Father"

"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, amen."

***Passing of Peace**

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Anthem "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" - arr. Norman Tyler Bell Choir

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

1st Reading: *Ezekiel 37: 1- 14*
Old Testament pg. 806, LP pgs. 987-988

2nd Reading: *John 11: 35*
New Testament pg. 105, LP pg. 128

Sermon "Jesus Wept" – Rev. Drew Harrison

***Affirmation of Faith** (Confession of 1967, 9.32)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of man's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Minute For Mission: Vicki Downing

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology No. 606** "Praise God...All Blessings Flow"

"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."

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Thank you, Lord. We do not deserve all that you have given us. Accept what we offer, knowing that it represents our whole selves, which we give to you in thanks. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Maureen St. John, Roxanne Somers, Terri D'Onofrio, The Family of Mike Savage, Terry Savage, Harry, Guy Williams, Peggy Price, Darlene Powell, Julia Fisher, The Family of David Knoebel, Marcia Langlois, Meg Yanefski, The Family of Joe Bradley, Rev. Paul Grenier, Ryan McCleery, The Family of Susan Hans, Ellorah Maeva, Erin Fitzpatrick, The Family of John Clayton, Caroline, David, Lauren, Vinny, and Sovana, Caleb Tamaska, Jamie, Hayden, Cindy Sudano, Sue Hummel

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.

***Hymn No. 250** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

***Benediction**

***Benediction Hymn No. 205** "Live In Charity"

"Live in charity and steadfast love. Live in charity; God will dwell with you."

Postlude "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" - arr. Weber

***** Please stand as you are able. *****



<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Ushers	Dave Nicastro
Liturgist	Susan Carson
Acolyte	Kendall Wichart



Music Notes

Today's prelude is Robin Nixon's 1996 piano solo arrangement of a hymn tune by William Billings, who is often described as America's first choral composer. He was born in Boston in 1746, was a involved in teaching singing schools throughout his life. He was also actively involved in the cause of American independence. He died in Boston in 1800. The postlude is Jacob Weber's 2015 arrangement of "Hyfrydol," a tune composed by Roland Hugh Prichard in 1831. "Hyfrydol" means "delightful" in Welsh. We thank the Tyler Bell Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.



<i>This Week's Birthday</i>	
March 26	Stephanie Lai
March 27	Pastor Drew Harrison
March 31	Meri Reed & John Gallo
April 1	Harry Salotti & Maggie Carson



<i>This Week's Calendar</i> March 26 – April 2	
<i>Sunday</i> March 26	10 AM Worship Service Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers 11:15am, Jazz Vespers 5pm
<i>Monday</i> March 27	Liturgy Meeting 6pm, Boy Scouts Social Hall 7pm, Worship Committee 7:15pm
<i>Tuesday</i> March 28	Girl Scouts – Social Hall 6:30pm
<i>Wednesday</i> March 29	Sparrow Chorale – Music Room, 6:30pm
<i>Thursday</i> March 30	Joy Circle 10am, Bell Choir 7pm, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8pm
<i>Friday</i> March 31	Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby 5pm
<i>Saturday</i> April 1	Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby 10am -12pm
<i>Sunday</i> April 2	10 AM Palm Sunday Worship Service Sanctuary/Livestreaming, Sunshine Singers 11:15am



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10 AM Worship Service
 March 26, 2023
 5th Sunday in Lent
 Rev. Drew Harrison