

According to his commandment:
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

Send your Spirit upon those gathered around your Table of joy, and upon the gifts of grace and peace. As we are fed by the Bread of Life, may we serve all who live around us. As we drink from the Cup of hope, may we share it with all who long for your presence. As your Spirit moves into the guestroom of our hearts, may we open our hearts to the cries of the broken of our world. And when we are awakened from sleep, to live forever with you, as we join hands and hearts around your Feast in heaven, may we sing your praises forever and ever, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

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THE BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP
 THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

(As you come forward using the center aisle to receive the gifts from God, please place your gifts to God in the offering plate and then receive first the bread and then dip it into the cup to receive communion. If you are unable to come forward, please stay in the pew and we will come to you.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #2254

"In Remembrance of Me"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Pat

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE— SANCTUARY

**Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary
 Pure and holy, tried and true.
 With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
 Sanctuary for you. CCL#1025014**

Next Week ~ Palm Sunday, Theme: "Hope Unfolding: Growing Conviction" (The passion according to Matthew) Welcoming Jesus as we experience the stories of Jesus' last days in Jerusalem. A variety of church members will read the scripture; we will have a Palm Parade; both the Geneva Choir and the Praise Band will participate.

Texts: Matthew: 21: 1-11; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11; Matthew 26: 14-27:55 or Matthew 27: 11-54



WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted to have you in our service this morning! Every Sunday, we are privileged to have people attending our church for the first time and we want you to feel welcome among us. **Please stop by the Welcome Center right after service. We have a special gift for you.**

PLEASE SIGN THE FELLOWSHIP BOOK found in the pews. We would like to know of your presence this morning. **PLEASE SHARE PRAYER JOYS/CONCERNS** on the Prayer card; they will be included in the Prayers of the People during the service, and added to the Prayer Chain.

A PERSONAL SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED IS AVAILABLE. WORSHIP BULLETINS FOR CHILDREN are available. Contact an usher for assistance.

TAPES OF THIS SUNDAY'S SERMON are available. Contact the church office or Art Sattler.

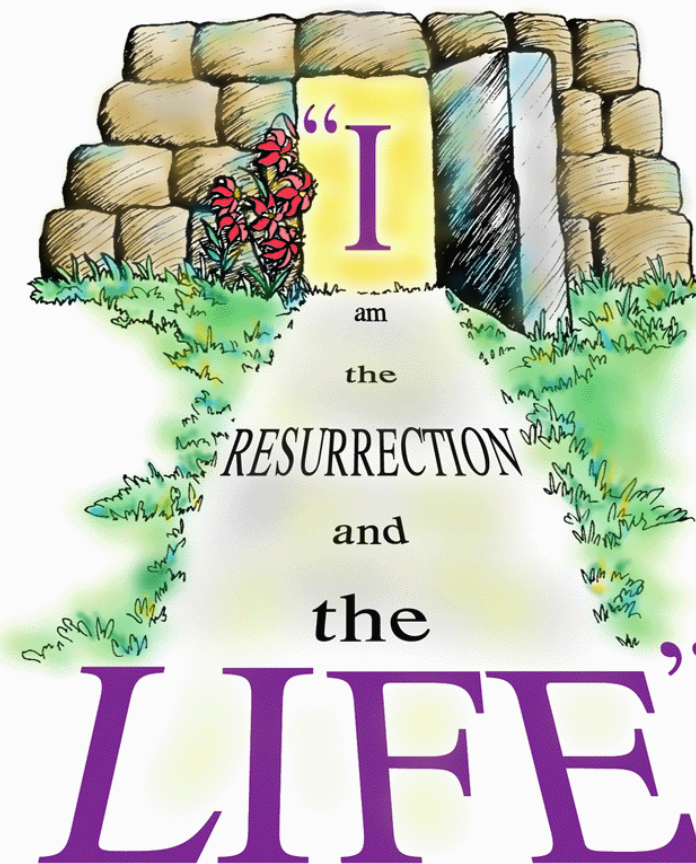
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John 11:25

March 9, 2008



10:00 AM

Welcome to worship with the Fairgreen family! The * symbol means, "All who are able, please stand." † indicates when latecomers may be seated.



Fifth Sunday in Lent

SILENT REFLECTION John 11: 25, 26

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Please sign fellowship book found in pews.

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

OPENING SET ~ #2088 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

#2163 "He Who Began a Good Work In You"

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #2203

"In His Time"

THE WORD OF GOD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rev. Pat

UNISON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may
hear with joy what you say to us today.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

pg. 1345(OT) in the pew Bible

ANTHEM

"Above All"

Praise Band

GOSPEL READING

John 11: 1-45

pg. 1668(T) in the pew Bible

SERMON

"Hope Unfolding: These Bones Live!"

Rev. Pat Lawrence Shafer

OUR RESPONSE

*HYMN #2197

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

THE GIVING AND RECEIVING OF GIFTS

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Life up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Into the barren valley of chaos, you breathed, God of love; joy raced through the heavens flinging stars into the night; grace danced upon the earth, springing up in every place in which it was planted. Gathering up creation's dust, you formed us as your image, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, heart of your heart.

You gave us the garden of your heart in which to dwell with you forever, but we became entranced with the world's seductive valleys, and wrapped ourselves in death's grave cloths, finding them a perfect fit. Though your heart was broken, you sent prophets to call us forth from all those places littered with our faithless hearts and souls. But we would not breathe the new grace you offered, turning over to sleep in our dried-up dreams. So, with tears running down your face, you sent Jesus to be come our hope, our life, our salvation.

Therefore, we join our voices with those whose dried bones were given new life, and all who cry out to you for hope, singing of the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Grace is who you are, God of Every Heart, and blessed is Jesus Christ, our brother, our Redeemer, our Hope. Weeping over the brokenness of your dreams for us, he came to make us whole. Weeping over the pain we cause, he came to heal us. Weeping over Jerusalem, he came to bring forth the new kingdom of peace. Weeping over Lazarus, he wipes away the tears of all who grieve. Weeping over the power of sin and death, he left them behind at the grave, as your Spirit raised him to the life of your new hope.