

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

5th Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

11:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Hayes) David Thompson

Call to Worship (Psalm 130) Barbara Cope

Out of the depths we cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear our voices! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

If the Lord should mark iniquities, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with God, so that God may be revered.

We wait for the LORD, our souls wait, and in God's word we hope;

our souls wait for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

Hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with God

is great power to redeem.

It is God who will redeem us from all our iniquities.

*Hymn of Praise #645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

~~Please bring your Lenten Prayer Slips forward during this hymn~~

*Call to Confession Barbara Cope

*Prayer of Confession

God of life,

You call us to be your voices in this world

but we sometimes stay silent. Forgive us, we pray.

You call us to be your hands in this world

and we sometimes keep them hidden. Forgive us, we pray.

You call us to be your feet in this world

and we sometimes go our own way. Forgive us, we pray.

When we meet people who are doubting

and say nothing, forgive us, we pray.

When we meet people who need your touch

and do nothing, forgive us, we pray.

When we are called to take up your cross

and carry nothing, forgive us, we pray.

Give us new vision, new energy, and new commitment

to your work and your world. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

If God kept track of all our mistakes, what chance would we have? But with unfailing love, God offers us forgiveness—complete forgiveness that erases our sins completely, and allows us to begin again. Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri #581

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.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon on the Steps

Carrie Wyatt

Anthem "When Jesus Wept" (Billings) Chancel Choir

When Jesus wept, the falling tear, In mercy flow'd beyond all bound.

When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear Seized all the guilty world around, around.

O come, and mourn with me awhile, And linger here beside;

O come together, let us mourn; O Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

When Jesus wept, the falling tear, In mercy flow'd beyond all bound.

When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear Seized all the guilty world around.

Our Lord is crucified.

First Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Pew Bible OT p.806)

Second Reading John 11:1-45 (Pew Bible NT p.104)

The Word of God, for us, the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit "What They Needed" Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Reception of Confirmation Class

Opening Sentences

Presentation of New Members

Renunciations and Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' 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.

Questions for the New Members

Prayer and Welcome

Service of Giving

Offertory "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" (arr.Huisman) Jim Simmons

*Doxology #606

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 Dedication

*Hymn #796 "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

*Postlude "Rise Up and Serve the Lord" (Harris) Rita Harmon

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\*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

The arrangement in worship today is given for the glory of God and in loving memory of my mother, Janice LaVanture's birthday by Renee & Dean Wiseman.

Please remember in prayer:

Tommy Bedenbaugh & family; our neighbors experiencing homelessness; a friend facing heart surgery; Lea Wilson; Missy Wirthman; Friends & Family of Steve Beheler; Don Berry; Joy Clemmer; Buck Jolley; Wyatt Aiken; Emma June; Dave Newkirk; Carl Raleigh; Dan Painter; Dave Pingitore; Larry Vincent; Peggy Wyatt; Jenni, Ashton & Evaleigh Lail; Justina Eddy; Confirmation Class: Layla Lemmonds, Taylor Miller & Leah Miller; Confirmation Sponsors: Michelle Jolly, Hazel Hubbard, & Becky Wheeler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sunday School Offering for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter will be donated to Smile Train.

Next week's lectionary readings are:

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66.

Prayer Slips

During the season of Lent, you will find prayer slips in the bulletin. You are invited to write your prayer concerns and requests on those slips, come to the cross during the first hymn, and place your prayer on one of the nails in the cross. Our prayers will be gathered throughout the season.

Wednesday Nights in Lent

Gratitude is never a bad way to conclude anything. Join us as we conclude our Wednesday night programs in Lent. Supper is at 6 p.m. with the program beginning at 6:30 in the Family Life Center.

Resources for Lent

Today's devotion in "REDEEMED" is *Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So*. The author tells a personal story of professing with our mouths of the "redemptive power in the matchless name of Jesus". By feeding hungry brothers, sisters and children with your donations to The Society of St. Andrew, you are participants and witnesses to His redemptive power! During your devotional time this week, ask God to remind us to not grow weary in doing what is right – helping brothers and sisters in the United States and around the world have enough to eat.

An Odd Couple: Jonah and Ruth: A new class

We began a new adult study on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:45. The class will use the Kerygma resource written by Carol J. Miller, a Methodist elder. We will explore "long ago and far away" stories of an unusual prophet named Jonah and of a faithful daughter-in-law named Ruth. What do Jonah and Ruth have in common? Why are they linked together in this study and called "an odd couple"? All are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings in the parlor at 9:45.

## Bible 101

We continue to get a big-picture view of the Bible this week looking at the Acts of the Apostles (the history book of Christian scripture) and Paul's letters (Romans through Philemon). We begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center on Tuesday evenings.

## New Church Directory

This week we will begin to compile a new church directory. Please watch your email for a link to complete a Google form. You can also get a hard copy of the form in the church office. The form will also include a schedule for taking photos to include in the directory.

## THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**March 28, 519:** Under Emperor Justinian, the churches of the East and West reconcile. They had been separated for 35 years during the Acacian Schism, which revolved around whether or not Christ had two natures—the human and the divine. This was the first significant break between East and West.

**March 29, 1788:** Death of Charles Wesley in London. An evangelist like his brother, Charles Wesley is also the author of many familiar hymns. You can find his work in *Glory to God* in hymns 119, 366, and 232, among others.

**March 31, 1515:** Needing money to rebuild St. Peter's basilica, Pope Leo X announces a sale of indulgences. Albert of Brandenburg, deeply in debt after purchasing his position as archbishop, is allowed to keep half the proceeds, but will not profit as greatly as he hopes because the indulgence will anger the friar Martin Luther, who will post his Ninety-Five Theses in response. The Reformation will result.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, March 26

9:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live

### Monday, March 27

5:30 PM Girl Scouts  
5:45 PM Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room

### Tuesday, March 28

6:30 PM Bible Study – FLC

### Wednesday, March 29

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

### Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday

9:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live

### Upcoming

April 2 – Palm Sunday  
April 2-8 – Holy Week  
April 6 – Maundy Thursday Service  
April 9 – Easter Sunday

## NEXT STEPS

- Make a reservation for Wednesday Night Supper
- Plan to be at Sunday School for the study of Jonah and Ruth
- Pick up a hard copy of the LimeLight
- Watch for Holy Week schedule of services
- Contribute to our hymnbook loan program (see 3/26 LimeLight for more information)
- Complete and return your Church Directory Form

## Praying for Our Congregation

We are praying for every member of our church family. Each week we invite you to pray for particular members. This week we are praying for:

Robin Morris  
Susan Richardson

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WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF A LOVING GOD,  
GATHERING, GROWING, GIVING, AND GOING TO SERVE,  
TOGETHER



Barry Moser. Valley of Dry Bones. Pennyroyal Caxton  
Bible. <http://www.pennyroyalcaxton.com/>

Them bones, Them bones, Them dry bones,  
Them bones, Them bones, Them dry bones  
Them bones, Them bones, Them dry bones,  
Now hear the word of the Lord.

Toe bone connected to the foot bone  
Foot bone connected to the heel bone  
Heel bone connected to the ankle bone  
Ankle bone connected to the leg bone  
Leg bone connected to the knee bone  
Knee bone connected to the thigh bone  
Thigh bone connected to the hip bone  
Hip bone connected to the back bone  
Back bone connected to the shoulder bone  
Shoulder bone connected to the neck bone  
Neck bone connected to the head bone  
Now hear the word of the Lord.