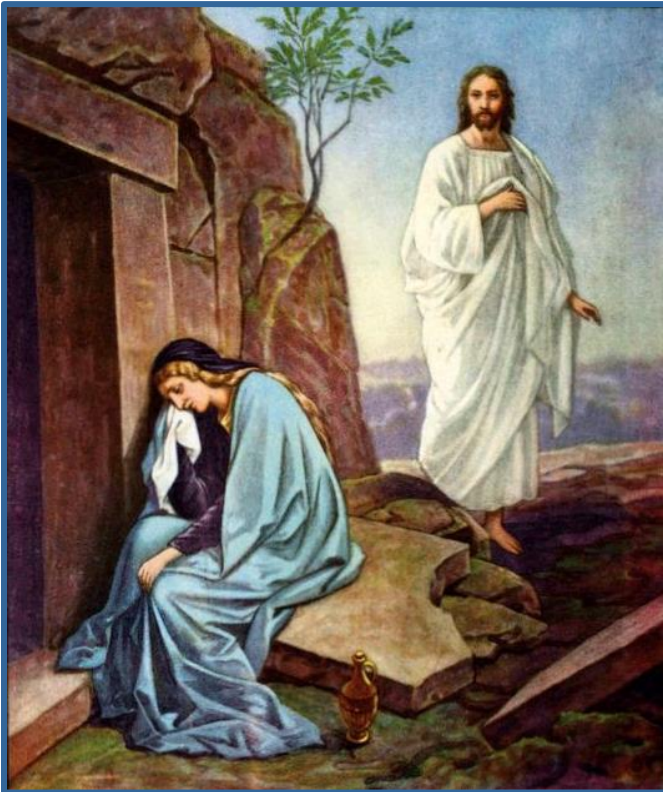


First Presbyterian Church
Salem, Ohio

March 26, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Worship will be live streamed on
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Salem, Ohio,
You Tube: [www.youtube](https://www.youtube.com/FPCSALEM) / FPCSALEM; and
our website, www.fpcsaalem.org.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Hymn of Promise (Nancy McNeal)

Count Your Blessings (Quintet)

Fairest Lord Jesus (Quintet)

Living for Jesus (Quintet)

N. Sleeth/Fred Bock

arr. Dana F. Everson

arr. James Gilbert

Chisholm/Lowden,

arr. Dana F. Everson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment to sign and pass the Attendance Pad.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 130:5 and 7*)

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits;

And in his word I hope...

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For in the LORD there is steadfast love,

And with him is great power to redeem.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, You alone are the giver and sustainer of life. We confess that we attempt to control our own destiny, to forge the future by the force of our will and our intelligence. We too easily forget that we are dust; we too easily overlook the fact that our aspirations can turn to ashes. O God, have mercy on us. Forgive our pridefulness. Reform us according to the likeness of Christ Jesus, who gave his life for our sake, whom You raised from the dead, and through whom You raise us to new life. We pray in his name. Amen.

(Moments of Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him give us everything else? ... It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us.” (*Romans 8:31b, 33b-34*)

Believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE WORD OF GOD AMONG US

*THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, You breathe into us the gift of life; we move and have being by Your grace. Fill us with the Holy Spirit to help us hear, understand and obey Your will as we seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah

Woodwind Quintet

arr. Dana F. Everson

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹ 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. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ 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.”

⁷ 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. ⁸I 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. ⁹Then 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.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then 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.’ ¹²Therefore 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I 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.”

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:6 and 11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the Word of the LORD!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Rose of Calvary

The Haviland Choir

Joseph M. Martin

Shawnee Press, Inc., CCL#2595933

I love the Rose of Calvary:
God's gift of hope, God's gift of grace.
In love He clings to sorrow's tree,
and softly weeps at its embrace,
and softly weeps at its embrace.

I love the Rose of Calvary.
His petals crushed by hate and scorn,
still His fragrance fills the night
and, for our sin, He bears the thorn,
for our sin He bears the thorn.

Calvary's Rose, Calvary's Rose,
in His life God's mercy flows.
By his death our garden grows;
O the love of Calvary's Rose.

Come to the hill where Jesus died.
Come rest beneath the rugged tree,
for in its shadow grows a flower:
the blessed Rose of Calvary,
the blessed Rose of Calvary.
I love the Rose of Calvary, of Calvary.

THE GOSPEL READING

John 11:1-45

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ 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." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just

now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"⁹ 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.¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them."¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him."¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right."¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah,^[E] the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸ 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."²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ 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.³² 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."³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ 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."⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.⁴² 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."⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"⁴⁴ 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."

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the LORD!

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

"Dead or Alive"

Rev. Dr. Frank Lewis

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

*HYMN 384

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*)**

We place our hope in God.

We sing of a life beyond life

and a future good beyond imagining:

a new heaven and a new earth,

the end of sorrow, pain, and tears,

Christ's return and life with God,

the making new of all things.

We yearn for the coming of that future,

even while participating in eternal life now.

(from The United Church of Canada)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Michael Karmazin

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

Lynn Zocolo

CALL TO OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Because He Lives (Nancy McNeal)

Wm. Gaither/Fred Bock

***RESPONSE HYMN 592 (*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*)**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)**

Eternal God, the very heavens resound with songs of joy at the life everlasting You grant to Your beloved children: angels, archangels and the saints in light. We thank You for every good gift of life, especially for Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life. We dedicate our offerings to serve in his church and to glorify his name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION / LORD'S PRAYER (*sins*)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into

**temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

WE ENTER THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 332

Live Into Hope

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*Hymn 2162, Sing the Faith, Grace Alone*)

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we will make is only by his grace.

Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Grace alone which God supplies,
Strength unknown he will provide.

Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

*POSTLUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful (Quintet)

arr. Ralph Raymond Hayes

Corrente (Nancy McNeal)

G.F. Handel

*Please stand if you are able.

Question for thought: What do you hope heaven is like?

*Today's appearance by the Woodwind Quintet
is underwritten by the many donors to our Music Fund.*

Musicians: Monica Meffan, Flute; Rebecca Bickel, Oboe; Albert Colella, Clarinet; Carol Childers, Bassoon; James Scanga, Horn

Liturgist: Lynn Zocolo

Ushers: Tim and Melissa Costa, Wanda Navoyosky, Sandy Quinn

Flowers: Given by Lois Dunn in memory of Louis Weirick's birthday;
and by Paul and Barbara Fennema in honor of Dan Fennema's
birthday.

A Congregational Meeting will be held today following worship for the purpose of hearing the report of the Nominating Committee and electing two officers.

Last Day to Order Easter Plants

Daffodils – \$10.00; Tulips – \$10.00 (Colors: Lavender, Orange, Pink, Purple, Red, White); Lilies – \$12.00. Order in Fellowship Hall.

Environmental Team Meeting Today after worship

Soup to Go Today - Vegetable Beef

The Congregational Care Committee has chosen to keep the price of the soup at \$5.00 but with the rise in cost of the ingredients, we will not have as much money to donate to the local missions. If at all possible, please consider adding a small donation when you purchase your soup today.

Bottle Cap Project: A group of ambitious scouts and brave adults gathered on Monday evening to sort, wash, and weigh the mountains of bottle caps that our congregation has so faithfully been saving. We were all amazed at just how many bottle caps there were. Once we decided on a plan of action, the sorting began. I think the scouts had the most fun, but they got the job done. We have enough caps for a second bench whenever we can find the money to pay for it. A big thank you goes out to Ryan Gillis and all the scouts and many of their parents for their help. Thanks also to Frank and Trina Lewis, Cheryl McDevitt, Brenda Bradley, Barb and Paul Fennema, Ruth and Mike Newman, Barbara Yonker, and Sam Ricciardi. And a big “Thank You” to our church family for supporting this project.

Please Join the Scouts of Troop 3 and Troop 2003G for a special night of celebration on Monday, April 3 when both troops will be recognized for achieving God status in Scouting’s Journey to Excellence program. This awards presentation will be followed by the Beading Ceremony for scoutmasters Krista Haas and Ryan Gillis, who both recently completed the Wood Badge program, Scouting’s highest level of adult leadership training. The ceremonies will begin at about 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and refreshments will follow.

Sunday, March 26

Congregational Meeting following worship

Soup to Go – *Vegetable Beef*

4:30 LOGOS (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 Cub Scout Pack 3 (Basement; Fellowship Hall)

Monday, March 27

10:00 Church Office Opens

10:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 Troop 3 Scouts (Basement); Troop 2003G Scouts (FH)

Wednesday, March 29

10:30 Tai Chi Class (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 Moderators Meeting *via Zoom*

6:15 Carillon Ringers (200)

7:00 Haviland Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 30 – **Committee Night** *(Please Note Date Change)*

6:00 Christian Education (Library); **Mission I and S** (Parlor)

7:00 Devotions (Sanctuary)

7:15 Property (Library); **Worship, Music, Arts** (Parlor)

Palm Sunday, April 2

9:15-10:00 Lent Sunday School for Youth and Adults (Library)

10:00 Coffee Hour

10:30 Service of Worship

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