

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30AM, March 22<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

Asterisk (\*) indicates standing, as able. Bold/colored type indicates text spoken in unison.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CALL TO WORSHIP      Responsive

Some of us come to worship today, weary and worn, heavy with all the circumstances that are too much to bear alone.

**We gather to travel God's redemption road together.**

Some of us come to worship today, dry and thirsty, longing for relief and peace from the troubles that surround us.

**We gather to travel God's redemption road together.**

Some of us come to worship today with stories to tell of little resurrections, moments of new life that sprang up when we least expected them.

**We gather to travel God's redemption road together.**

Beloved, whatever we bring with us to worship today, God welcomes us and calls us to work together as we travel God's redemption road together.

**We gather to be truth-tellers and life-bringers as we travel God's redemption road together. Amen.**

\*HYMN                      "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"                      UMH # 57

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      Apostles' Creed                      UMH # 881

#### OPENING PRAYER      Unison

**God of mercy, we come to you dry and lifeless, seeking your breath of life. Lead us to the place where our hopes lie buried and call us out from the tombs of despair. Call forth our faith that, with Martha, we may know you to be the resurrection and the life, in this world and the world to come. Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON      Unison

**Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God. We are lost in a world of pain and suffering. When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace. When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs. When we put our hope in the health of our bodies, we suffer pain and find no healing. Come to us, O God. Forgive our doubts and fears. Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Amen.**

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

There is forgiveness and healing with God. God's steadfast love has the power to redeem our brokenness and make us whole. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Glory to God! Amen.**

#### JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

#### SCRIPTURE READING

**John 11:17-27 (NRSV)**

**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, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

MESSAGE "Redemption Road : From the Tomb to New Life" Rev. Dongkue Jee

**RESPOND TO THE WORD**

\* HYMN "O Come and Dwell in Me" **UMH # 388**

THE LORD'S PRAYER **UMH # 895**

**OFFERING**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **UMH # 95**

\*PRAYER OF OFFERING Unison

**Life-Giving Spirit, you breathe hope into our valleys of despair and call forth life where we saw only dry bones. We come today not out of habit, but out of longing to be part of your work that restores, renews, and redeems. Take these gifts and use them to roll away the stones that keep your people bound. Let them be signs of trust, symbols of resurrection, and tools of transformation in a weary world. May our offering, like our living, lean into your Spirit and testify that life—abundant, eternal, and holy—is possible in you. In Christ, who calls us out of the grave and into your grace, we pray. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

\*HYMN "Thou My Everlasting Portion" **UMH # 407**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\* The offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Please feel free to participate.

\* Fellowship follows the worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parlor.



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Raising of Lazarus, ca. 1525, Van Leyden, Aertgen, Rijksmuseum Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands

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