



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship

5th Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

INTROIT: *“Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days”* #166 (vs 1 & 3) (Faith Choir)

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made! ***Let us rejoice and be glad in it!***

PRELUDE: *“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”* - arr. Wyrzten

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 95)

When we are at our lowest, God, we cry out to you,

Lord, we know you hear us.

Let your ears, Lord, be attentive to your people’s cry for mercy.

We long for justice and grace.

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, who could dare come before you with our troubles?

However, with you there is forgiveness; we can, with reverence, serve you.

We wait for the Lord, our whole selves longing for redemption.

We place our hope in your trustworthiness.

The dark night of our longing is nearly over, and we wait expectantly for the dawn.

People of God, put your hope in the Lord, whose love is unending!

With you, God, your people experience freedom and redemption.

You have freed us from all that bound us to sin! Praise be to God! Amen

* OPENING HYMN: *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”* #286

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mender of Hearts, we confess that sometimes in our brokenness, we cause brokenness in others. Sometimes in our woundedness, we wound others. In these despairing moments, we need healing and restoration. We give thanks that we are never beyond your reach or grace. Amen.

~ Let us take a few moments for silent reflection. ~

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God’s mercy makes wholeness possible and our wholeness is rooted in becoming who we are meant to be – living sanctuaries. ***Thanks be to God! Amen***

* GLORIA PATRI: Traditional

***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 WELCOMING OF GUESTS

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

~ HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD ~

ANTHEM: *“Scenes of Gethsemane”* - Martin (Faith Choir)

CHILDRENS TIME: Richard Carter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, come and revive us again. Indwell us with your spirit and let our souls awake to joy. We come boldly that you might breathe on us. May what we experience with you today change us forever and for the better. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, *Thanks be to God.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Romans 8:6-11

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, *Thanks be to God.*

SPECIAL MUSIC: "God Walks the Dark Hills" - Czarnikow

George Van Otten, solo

SERMON: "Resignation or Resurrection"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD: "The 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.

~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Finance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *“My Soul Waits in Silence”* - Shea

* **DOXOLOGY:** Traditional

*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 OF OUR OFFERINGS**

* **CLOSING HYMN:** *“Live Into Hope”* #772

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

* **BENEDICTION**

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE:** *“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”* #656

*We’ve come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord,
Trusting in the holy word; God’s never failed us yet.
O, can’t turn around, we’ve come this far by faith.
We’ve come this far by faith.*

* **POSTLUDE:** *“Jesus Paid It All”* - Grape, arr. Kaiser

