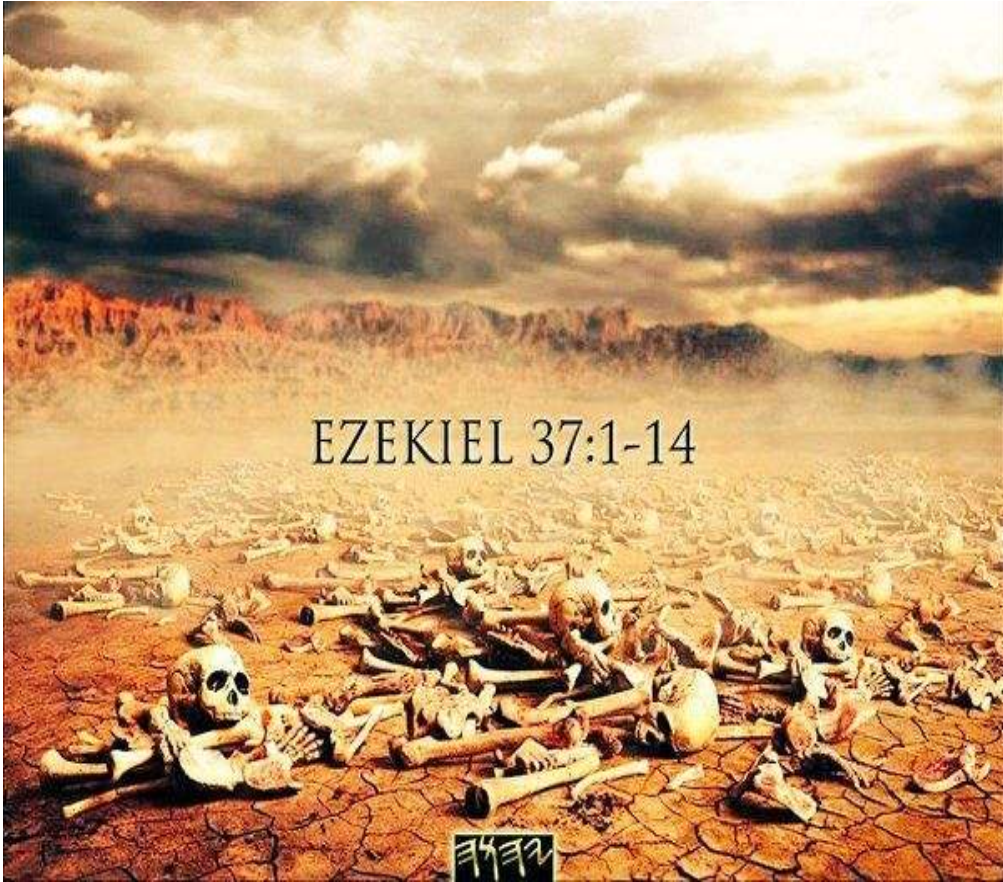


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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 26, 2023

5th Sunday in Lent

Welcome, announcements

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch has office hours Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-Noon. Call the Church office to make an appointment. Please note that the wearing of masks during service and singing hymns is optional. NOTE: This service may be video recorded.

Please stand if you are able where asterisk.

PRELUDE "At the Cross" arr. Waller

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Jackie Koch, Liturgist

Leader: We gather to worship God.

People: God who makes bones dance.

Leader: God who calls Lazarus from the grave.

People: God who forgives us and gives us hope.

OPENING HYMNS: #339 "Be Thou My Vision"

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

God of resurrection, we know the power of death. We have seen its works, we have felt its sting. We have been to the valley of despair, and felt like there was no chance for life. We do not believe in your power to resurrect. We do not believe in your power to redeem our pain, and fashion something beautiful in this world. Forgive us. We cry from the depths — however faint our call may be, we pray you hear our voice. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hope in the Lord!

People: With the Lord, there is steadfast love.

Leader: With God, there is great power to redeem.

People: Thanks be to God who redeems us from all our iniquities.

HELP FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS: Information on how to donate to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help the victims of the massive earthquake in Syria and Turkey is located on the table in the Narthex.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: Psalm 114/Romans 6:3-11

Sermon: "Crucified With Him?"

Coming Maundy Thursday (April 6, 7:00 p.m.)

Scriptures: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14/John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Sermon: "A New Commandment"

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE: will be held Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Church.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER: The March fellowship dinner was hosted by Ronnie Storch this past Friday evening. The food was delicious and a great evening of fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you, Ronnie!

PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED: We are looking for a couple of people who would like to take photos of special services and special activities and events for our website and facebook page. If interested, please let Jackie know. Thank you.

DINNER AND A SHOW: We are exploring the idea of a group dinner at a local restaurant and a show at the Simpsonville Arts Center. The show we are considering is "Love, Loss and What She Wore." The show runs from May 12-28th. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table if you may be interested in attending. If we have enough interest, Jackie will pursue booking a restaurant and getting tickets.

CHURCH WORKDAY: A workday has been scheduled for Saturday, April 8th, 9 a.m.-Noon. A list of projects is located in the Narthex. Please sign up if you can help. If you can't make it on the workday, you may do it at your convenience.

CAMP FELLOWSHIP RETREAT: The Trinity and Foothills Presbyteries are hosting a retreat April 21-22 at Camp Fellowship for all churches in the two presbyteries. For more information, here is the website: [Events — Fellowship Camp and Conference Center \(campfellowship.org\)](http://Events—Fellowship Camp and Conference Center (campfellowship.org)). There is also a flyer on the back table.

SAVE THE DATES:

- PW Salad Lunch—Sunday, May 7th, 11:30 a.m.
- Gap Creek Singers' Spring Concert— Saturday, May 6th, 7 p.m. There is a flyer with additional information in the Narthex.

RESPONSE: "My Prayer"

*Help me live the way I should,
Guided daily by your Word,
Make my whole life a Christ controlled life,
This is my prayer today.*

HYMNS #80 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

SILENT PRAYER: A few moments of silent communication with God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Psalm 143/Ezekiel 37:1-14

SERMON: "A Valley of Hope" Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living 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.

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF OFFERING AND PRAYER (the offering plate is located on a back table in the sanctuary just inside the back double doors.)

OFFERTORY "O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" arr. Dengler

***The Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN "Be Still My Soul" (bulletin insert)

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "Share His Love"

*Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you
Share His love by sharing of your faith
and show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you
every moment, every day!*

POSTLUDE "Kind Maker of the World" Fleurs des noels

WELCOME TO SIMPSONVILLE PRESBYTERIAN! Whether you are a long-time member or first time visitor, we are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about the Simpsonville Presbyterian community, we invite you to contact us through our website www.simpsonvillepres.com, or by calling the church office at (864)963-8854.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS today are given by Gail West. Thank you!

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Roger Pryor and Darrell Johnson. Thank you.

BIBLE STORY BAGS are available for children during worship. See an usher if you would like one for your child to use. Please return the bag to an usher after worship.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Deeper Life Bible Church, Lamb of God Lutheran Fellowship

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jean Kirkland, Marsha Johnson (sister of Darrell); Sue Marshall's mother, Harriet Allen; the Stenhouse and Clark families; Helen Guthrie, Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall's brother); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father; Hector & Susan Medina; Robert Polenta (friend of Jackie Koch); Linda Lingner (cousin of Jackie); Tina Vaitkevicius; the family of Richard Ramsdell (brother of Ronnie Storch); Dan Mills (brother of Barb Daugherty—Missionary to Papua New Guinea); Dixie Suit (sister-in-law of Kitty Shealy); Roger Edney (relative of Barb & Roger Daugherty). Do not hesitate to call or email the Church Office (office@simpsonvillepres.com) about any pastoral concerns.

SCHEDULES AND EVENTS

FOOD PANTRY: Your continued prayers and giving hearts allow us to keep this mission to our neighbors going. Suggestions for the month of March are condiments such as ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, salad dressings, etc. As always, we are grateful for all donations.

VIDEO RECORDINGS: Video recordings of services that have been previously recorded are available on the Church's website: www.firstpresssimpsonville.com. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."

EASTER FLOWERS: As is our tradition, Easter lilies will decorate our sanctuary during the Easter season. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of or in honor of a loved one or special person, the cost is \$10.00 per lily. You may list more than one honoree or memorial for the bulletin. You may elect to make a donation only or to take your flower home on Easter Sunday. An order form was included in last week's bulletin. Extras are on the back table. **All orders must be in by today.**

LEGACY MEETING: The Legacy Meeting originally scheduled for Monday, March 13th has been rescheduled for Monday, April 3rd at 1:30 p.m. at the Church.