

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 26, 2023



*A Glimpse of Notre Dame in the Late Afternoon*, oil on paper mounted on canvas  
Buffalo AKG Art Museum, Buffalo, NY  
Henri Matisse, (1869-1954)

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

JOYS AND CONCERNS\*\*

PRELUDE *Chorale Prelude on "Song 13"* by Orlando Gibbons

Healey Willan  
(1880-1968)

\*Please rise in body or in spirit

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Patrick Baker

The prophet asks: Can these dry bones live again?

**O God, you know!**

We gather wondering: Can our weary souls have hope again? Can we dance despite our grief?

**O God, you know!**

God's promise reassures us:

**Christ came that we might have life, and have it abundantly!**

And so with joy and defiant hope,

**Let us worship the God of life together!**

\*HYMN 263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

CORONATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of life, have mercy on us!**

**Preoccupied by our own needs, we ignore the suffering of others. Hidden within the tombs of our own making, bound by broken systems more entrenched than we can fathom, we listen to the doubts of a death-dealing world, and fail to water the seeds of hope you plant within us. Look on us with love, and call us back to ourselves, that we might be the people you would have us be: our hearts overflowing with grace, joy, and life.**

**God of life, have mercy on us! We open ourselves to you in silent prayer...**

KYRIE 834 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand;  
lead me on, help me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light;  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\*ACT OF PRAISE 535 *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

## HEBREW BIBLE READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

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. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 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.'

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. I 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. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, 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.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then 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." Therefore prophecy, 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. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I 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.'

MUSIC *When Jesus Wept*

William Ringham  
(b. 1953)

## GOSPEL READING John 11:1-45

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

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

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to

Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

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

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

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

Holy wisdom, holy Word...

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Unbound*

Rev. Goodrich

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 250 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

MINUTE FOR MISSION One Great Hour of Sharing

Susan Krehbiel

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING *If you wish to contribute online, please scan the QR code with your mobile device to be directed to Faith's online giving site.*



PRAY IN COLOR

There are so many emotions in this story: Jesus mourns the death of his friend, even as he calls him forth into new life. Mary and Martha are angry with Jesus for not arriving sooner to heal their brother. We hear the wails of the mourners give way to amazement and disbelief as Lazarus comes forth from the tomb.

What are you feeling today? Do you find yourself in a tomb, in need of a lifegiving word? Do you feel angry with God for some reason, or longing for resurrection power? The Matisse color this week is red. Write a word of prayer that speaks to where and how you are this day, trusting that God will hear and respond with compassion.

Cut out your prayer into an organic shape and bring it forward as an offering.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 740 *Lead Me, Guide Me*

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Sortie in C*

Henry Smart  
(1813-1879)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

REV. CAT DODSON GOODRICH, *Pastor*  
DR. SAMUEL SPRINGER, *Minister of Music & Organist*  
LANA HARPER, *Piano*  
PATRICK BAKER, *Liturgist*  
THE CHANCEL CHOIR  
DAWN SHIREY, *Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint*  
ANDY FULLER, *Audio/Camera*

**\*\*JOYS AND CONCERNS:** We are a community who prays with and for each other. There is a book in the narthex where you may write your joys and concerns to be included in the Prayers of the People and shared in our weekly prayer chain email. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, please email [faithchurchbalt@gmail.com](mailto:faithchurchbalt@gmail.com).

#### WE PRAY FOR:

*Our partners in Cuba  
Faith's homebound members and  
those receiving long-term care*

*The people of Ukraine  
Victims of gun violence  
The people of Syria and Turkey*

#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

Join Cat every Wednesday to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome!

**THE FORUM:** Faith formation gathering for youth and adults, Sundays, 9:15 in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom.

#### OBSERVE LENT AT FAITH

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 22. There are several opportunities to reflect, connect, pray, and create to practice your faith this season:

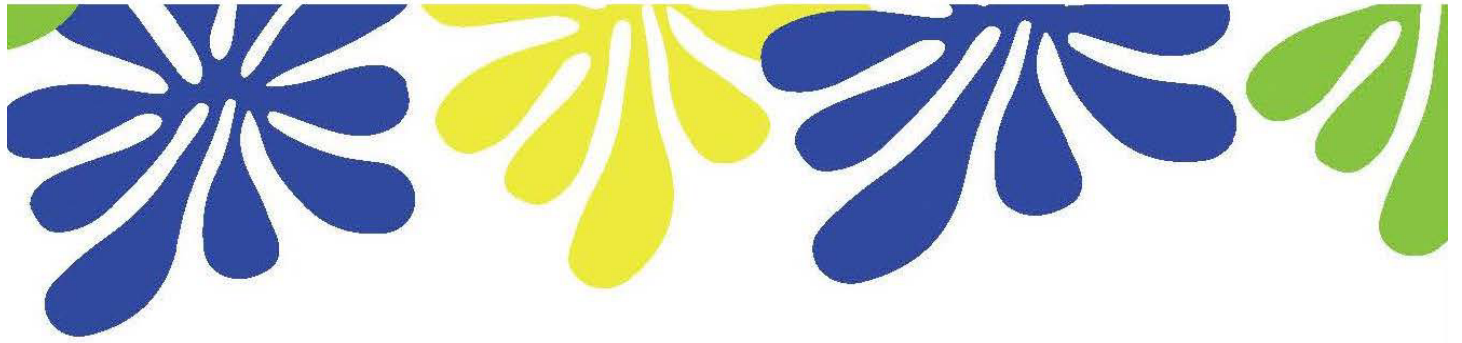


A Lenten devotional, *Henri Matisse and the Colors of Lent*, is available to guide your own daily prayer at home. The devotional will also guide our conversation and learning in the Forum. A small group will meet on Monday mornings from 8-9 at Belvedere Square to reflect on the devotional together.

In worship, we will pray in color each week, creating banners inspired by the work of Henri Matisse to adorn our sanctuary.

Join a Lenten book study on Zoom with Govans and Knox Presbyterian Churches at 7 on Thursdays. The group will read and discuss *Burying White Privilege: Resurrecting A Badass Christianity*. Please email Andy Wilson, [wilson@govanspres.org](mailto:wilson@govanspres.org), to sign up.





# HOLY WEEK

## AT FAITH

**PALM SUNDAY, April 2** at 10:20 gather in Jackson Lounge for a Parade of Palms; Worship at 10:45. Stay for lunch to celebrate Bill Hyde's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 6** Simple Supper at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall, followed by a progressive Tenebrae service to remember the last days of Jesus' life. Worship will begin at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall and concludes in the sanctuary.

### **EASTER SUNDAY, April 9**

**SUNRISE SERVICE:** Worship in Courtyard at 6:30  
(weather permitting)

**FELLOWSHIP:** Potluck Brunch in Jackson Lounge at 9:45  
Egg Hunt in Courtyard at 10:15

**WORSHIP:** in the Sanctuary at 10:45, with a Children's Parade, the Celebration of Communion, and Joyful Music with Brass, Organ, and Choir

