

Wounded. Broken. Changed.

**Blessed are we, who keep our relationships and friendships and jobs afloat,
and who stock the pantry...**

because... what choice do we have but to move forward with a life we didn't choose
with a loss we thought we couldn't live without?

One small step. One small act of hope at a time.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

*We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us.
Lakeview Presbyterian Church brings God's word to life
in a welcoming atmosphere of worship, prayer, and fellowship,
while spreading the love of Jesus Christ
through Christian education and outreach, wherein all are welcome.*



Vincent van Gogh, *Raising of Lazarus*. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59028>

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023
10:30am

GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 130* Jennifer Beasley, Liturgist
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;
My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
Israel, wait for the Lord, because faithful love is with the Lord;
Let us trust and let us worship, for great redemption is with our God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty No. 1

*You are invited to stand.
Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold**.
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION



1. O God, you make me al-ways new. Each breath I breathe is life from you, a
2. O Christ, you call me to new birth like God's cre - a - tion of the earth, to
3. O lov - ing Spir - it, live in me. For - give my sin and set me free. Give



gift of love that sets me free. Be - lov - ed, breathe new life in me.
leave the things I'm fas - tened on and walk in - to the ris - ing dawn.
me new birth, life from a - bove, that I may live in your deep love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hope in the Lord!
With the Lord, there is steadfast love.
With God, there is great power to redeem.
Thanks be to God, who redeems us from all our iniquities.

*RESPONSE TO PARDON

Let All Things Now Living *verse 1, first four lines*

No. 37

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SONG OF PREPARATION

I Will Come to You *verse 1 and refrain*

No. 177

During the song of preparation, children are invited to come forward and sit on the front row of chairs, next to the piano.

**“I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all fear.
You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.”**
*Refrain: “Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.”*

PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

John 11:1-45

NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

There In God’s Garden

No. 226

*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 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.

RESPOND

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Program of Hope

Barbara Morlier

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*DOXOLOGY

No. 606

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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*SENDING HYMN

My Hope is Built On Nothing Less

No. 353

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Blessed are we, who feel the wound of fresh loss.
Or of a loss... no matter how fresh...
that still makes our voices crack all these years later.
We who are stuck in the impossibility of it. Frozen in disbelief.
How can this be? It wasn’t supposed to be this way.
Blessed are we, fumbling around for easy answers or quick truths to try to make this go down easier.
We who are dissatisfied with the shallow theology and trite platitudes.
Blessed are we, who, instead, demand a blessing.
Because we have wrestled with God and are here.