

God's got it



Sunday Worship

March 26, 2023

*Draw near to God
for God is waiting for you.*

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Spirit of God has brought us here.

The Lord has set us down here, though our bones are tired.

Can these dry bones live?

Yes! The Breath of God will revive us! The Word of God will awaken us!

Today, we come together to experience new life.

Let us give thanks to the Life-Giving Spirit of God!

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life with your grace and love and power. Lead us in our time of worship, that we may be prepared to follow your lead in places where life is at risk—places where hope seems far away, places where dreams die during sleep. When we leave these walls, help us live the teachings we proclaim within this place of worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***HYMN #612 We Praise You, O God**

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
2. We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'er take us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
3. With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praised!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

You call us to be your voices in this world and we stay silent. You call us to be your hands in this world and we keep them hidden. You call us to be your feet in this world and we go our own way. When we meet those who are doubting and say nothing, forgive us. When we meet those who need your touch and do nothing, forgive us. When we are called to take up your cross and carry nothing, forgive us.

Breathe life into these bones. Bring freedom to these lives that we might declare with heart and soul and voice that you are our Lord and our God. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Remember the good news and say it aloud: Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI**

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 37:1-14

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN #286** Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 11:1-44

SERMON "Consider the Possibilities..."

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP
OFFERTORY**

***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**

O God, accept and bless these gifts which we offer in response to the gracious gift of your life-giving Spirit to us. May these gifts and our lives be used to flesh out your love and justice, mercy and peace as they are revealed in and through Jesus, your Son and our Savior. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.

***HYMN #250** In The Bulb There Is a Flower

1. In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS March 26, 2023.

This week's carillon is in memory of Watson F. Rockafellow. Watson lived down the road in Forest Grove and was the father of Earl and Ted Rockafellow.

Welcome Sue Lewis: Once again we welcome Sue Lewis as our guest organist and thank her for sharing her musical talent. She is filling in for Leanne Yerkes while she is away this week.

Singers wanted for Easter morning service: Join us today following service for approximately 20 minutes. All singers welcome!

Easter Flower Dedication: Easter is just two weeks away. On that Sunday we will once again fill our sanctuary with beautiful flowers, reminders of new life. If you would like to dedicate a potted flower in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below or pick one up on the table outside Fellowship Hall. Return the form to the church office or put it in Susan Flanagan's mailbox.

One Great Hour of Sharing: During the remainder of the Lenten season we will provide the opportunity for donations for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Weekly donations may be made with the final donation on Easter Sunday.

<u>Holy Week:</u>	April 2: 10:00 AM	Palm Sunday worship.
	April 5: 11:30 AM	Midweek Communion
	April 7: 6:00 PM	Good Friday Worship that will begin with and include the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday
	April 9: 9:00 AM	Easter Potluck Breakfast
	10:00 AM	Worship with Choir and Bell Choir
	11:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt

April Friday Night Fellowship Sign Up: Due to the conflict with Holy Week services, Friday Night Fellowship will be held on April 14 (second Friday). The theme is *Italian Night*. Spaghetti and meatballs will be provided. We will need a couple of salads and bread as well as dessert. Part of our mission project is collecting new or gently used shoes for Soles 4 Souls. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office for Friday Night Fellowship.

Food Pantry Needs: This week we are asking for the following items: **Tea Bags, Coffee or honey.** Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

Vacation Bible School: Save the date – June 26-30, 9:00 am – Noon at The Anchor Presbyterian Church. Please contact Pastor Su if you can help. **Register here:** <https://vbspro.events/p/events/62355b>

<u>Calendar:</u>	March 26	9:00 am	Confirmation Class
		10:00 am	Worship Service - followed by Coffee Hour, Fellowship and Sunday school
	March 27	5:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop Meeting
		7:30 pm	Deacons Meeting
	March 28	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
	March 29	11:30 am	Lenten Communion Service
		12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for fellowship.
	March 30	7:00 pm	Bible study on Zoom

Elder of the month: Terry Holton **Deacon of the month:** Louise Stemplewicz

Sunday School Teacher: Kim King **Coffee Hour:** Emilie Cullerton

Ushers: Gerry and Louise Stemplewicz

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Ray and Joan Curran, Alvin Cornell,
Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Bill Yerkes, David Posnett, Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza

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