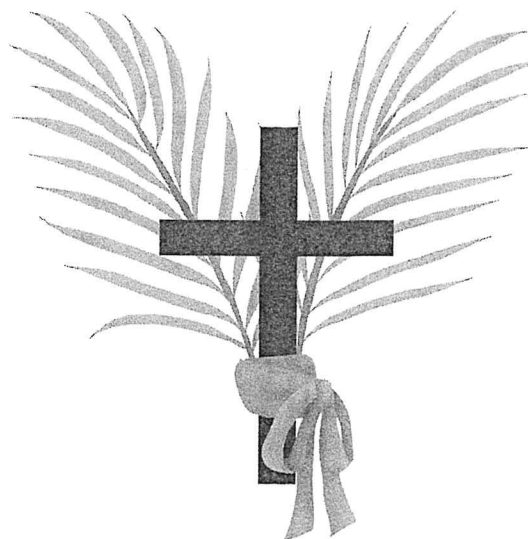


***Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026
10:30 a.m.***

OUR LORD'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There's a Place for You Here



*As you view and participate in this worship please note that **bolded text** invites ALL to voice.*

Gathering Music "Cornerstone"

arr. Phillip Keveren

Graceful Engagement

Think on This for Today

Hope is not only a life and death matter, hope is a life in death matter. Hope finds its greatest challenge, and shines its greatest light, when life stands in the face of death and affirms that God remains trustworthy. Ezekiel is called to prophesy such hope in a valley of dried bones and lost dreams. The psalmist proclaims hope from the depths, as one who waits for the gift of a morning yet to dawn. And Jesus, stricken with a grief born of love, speaks hope into Lazarus's tomb, calling his friend forth as a sign of God's glory and of our hope.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Settling In

Prelude "The Lord's Prayer"

arr. Donald P. Hustad

One voice: Good morning, Church! I see you!

ALL voices: I am here!

*Call to Worship

Our lives feel all disjointed as though they were a valley of dry bones.
But the Spirit of God will bring connection and continuity to our lives.

cont.

The Spirit of God breathes hope into each one of us.
The Spirit of God challenges us to be people of faith.
Open our hearts, Lord, and bring us to Your light.
Open our lives, Lord, and break us free from doubt and fear.

*Opening Hymn "Out of the Depths" *all verses*

FWS 2136

*Opening Prayer

God of mercy, we come to You dry and lifeless, seeking Your breath of life. Lead us to the place where our hopes lie buried and call us out from the tombs of despair. Call forth our faith that, with Martha, we may know You to be the resurrection and the life, in this world and the world to come. Amen.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Children's Message

One: And Jesus said... **ALL: Let the children come!**

Reading of Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11;
*John 11:1-45 (*all from NIRV*)

*Response

The word of God for ALL of us, God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Road"

RESPONDING TOGETHER

(please text prayers to 414-378-4012 and Pastor Kelly will receive them)

Response Chorus "Cares Chorus"

FWS 2215

Caring for Community Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer ALL Together

UMH 895

Invitation to Giving Action

Peace be with each of you.

And, also with you!

*Doxology

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**Praise the Source who gives us life.
Praise to Christ, who shares our strife.
Praise the Spirit, who sustains,
bearing us through grief and pain.
To the holy Trinity glory, praise, and honor be.**

*Blessing Prayer

Life-Giving Spirit, You breathe hope into our valleys of despair and call forth life where we saw only dry bones. We come today not out of habit, but out of longing to be part of Your work that restores, renews, and redeems. Take these gifts and use them to roll away the stones that keep Your people bound. Let them be signs of trust, symbols of resurrection, and tools of transformation in a weary world. May our offering, like our living, lean into Your Spirit and testify that life - abundant, eternal, and holy - is possible in You. In Christ, who calls us out of the grave and into Your grace, we pray, let it be so.

*Responsive Sending Forth

Beloved, the journey does not end here.

As we travel God's redemption road, we go in the blessing of God who persistently breathes new life into dry and weary places.

Watch for resurrection to happen.

We watch for resurrection to happen when we least expect it.

*Charge and Final Blessing

Respond "Yes!" after each blessing phrase and join in ALL together for the final phrase: "This day and in every day to come!"

*Closing Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" vs. 1, 4 UMH 384

*Postlude "Largo"

by George Frideric Handel

Notes:

Need hearing assistance? Hearing assist devices are available. Visit our tech room and someone will help you.

Lectionary readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14 *"The dry bones of Israel"*; Psalm 130 *"Mercy and redemption"*; Romans 8:6-11 *"Life in the Spirit"*; John 11:1-45 *"The raising of Lazarus"*



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Highlighting, with gratitude, these servant leaders for today...

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