

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Eleven O' Clock in the Morning

## GATHERING

### CENTERING PRAYER

**God of promise and hope,  
we come to you feeling dried up,  
like a valley filled with dry bones.  
Share your visions of new life with us,  
that we might have hope for our future.  
Bring us up from the grave,  
that we might live as people of promise.  
Put your Spirit within us,  
that we might have life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAISE

### VOLUNTARY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. Paul Manz

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Thus says the Lord:

“I will put my breath within you, and you shall live.”

**In gratitude, we praise the Giver of life.**

Jesus says: “I am the resurrection and the life.”

**In gratitude, we praise the Source of our Being.**

We gather to worship the One who frees us from the grave  
and stirs dry bones to life.

**Spirit, come and enliven our worship!**

Let us worship God!

### SOLO

Womb of Life and Source of Being

Ruth Duck

Womb of life, and source of being, home of every restless heart.

In your arms the world's awakened; you have loved us from the start.

We, your children, gather 'round you, at the table you prepare.

Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.

Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us second birth,

You have come to stand beside us, knowing weakness, knowing earth.

Priest who shares our human struggles, Life of Life, and Death of Death,

Risen Christ, come stand among us, send the Spirit by your breath.

Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend.

When our memory fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend.

Labor with us, aid the birthing of the new world yet to be,

Free of servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity.

Mother, Brother, Holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:

We would praise your name forever, One-in-three, and Three-in-one.

We would share your life, your passion, share your word of world made new,

Ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

### WELCOME

## PRAYERS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now confess our sin before God and one another.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord of life, we come to you**

**consumed by our worry**

**and our pain.**

**When we blame you**

**for not being there in our need,**

**forgive us.**

**When we turn away from you**

**in moments of loss,**

**guide us back to your faithful arms.**

**For we long to put our faith**

**in your promised healing.**

**We yearn to believe truly that you**

**are the resurrection and the life.**

**Teach us once more, Merciful One,**

**that you weep when we weep,**

**and rejoice as we find our way home. Amen.**

### SILENT PRAYER AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our 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 trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### ORGAN MEDITATION

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Johann Sebastian Bach

*I call to you, Lord Jesus Christ, I pray, bear my lamentation,  
bestow your grace on me at this time, do not let me despair.*

## THE WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37. 1-14

### PSALTER SOLO

Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee

arr. K. Lee Scott

Out of the depths I cry to thee, Lord my sins bewailing!

Bow down thy gracious, ear to me, make thou my prayer availing.

Mark not my misdeeds in thy book, gracious Lord, most holy.

On my sins in mercy look; who can stand before thee?

*Hear my prayer, bear my cry, bear my supplication.*

*Thou my hope, Thou my light, Thou my soul's deliverance.*

With thee there is forgiveness, Lord, love and grace abounding.

The greatest thought or deed or word were else but empty sounding.

All who in thy sight appear come in sinful measure;

All before thee bow in fear, seeking thy good pleasure.

—Psalm 130

### † GOSPEL LESSON

John 11. 1-45

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

### ORGAN MEDITATION

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

arr. Joe Utterback

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

## RESPONSE

### SOLO

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

arr. Graham Farrell

I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong;

I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,

Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

## SENDING FORTH

### † BENEDICTION

### † SILENT PRAYER

### † CHIMING THE TRINITY

### † VOLUNTARY

They Who Will Suffer God to Guide Them

Johann Sebastian Bach

*They who will suffer God to guide them, and hope in God through all their ways,*

*God will give strength, whate'er betide them, and bear them through the evil days.*

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† Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Our service of worship has ended.  
Our worship through service now begins.**

## SERVING THIS MORNING

**Preacher** Randy Harry

**Liturgist** Bill Jeffries

**Soloist** Teresa Robertson

**Sound** Russ Case

