

Bulletin for 5th Sunday in Lent - March 29, 2020

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn #403 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayers!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

In sovereign love, God created the world good and made everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we wound the image of God in others and in ourselves. We often accept lies as truth, exploit nature, and turn our backs on the living God. As we journey through this Lenten season, have mercy on us, Holy God forgive our flaws and strengthen our fragile selves. Led us in paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response Hymn #403 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.**

A Reading from Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O God. Holy God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O God, should mark iniquities who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for God, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope; my soul waits for God, more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. Today we find hope in God! For with God there is steadfast love, and with God there is great power to redeem us from all our iniquities.

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:1-14

Sermon: *Hope Amidst the Bones* *Rev. Dr. Rene' Whitaker*

Special Music *Kristen Kane and Carrie Curry*

Prayer for the Lord's Day (*concluding with 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.

Closing Hymn #339 *Be Thou My Vision*

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,**