

March 26, 2023: 9:00 am  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

## **We Gather Together**

**Prelude “Aberystwyth”**

*arr. by Gerhard Krapf*

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. **Masking (N-95 preferred) and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those around you.**)*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

*Rowan W.*

Wait for the Lord.

**Our souls wait and hope in God’s word.**

Hope in the Lord.

**With God there is steadfast love, and great power to redeem.**

Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning,  
**more than those who watch for the morning.**

**With anxious eagerness we watch, wait, and worship our God together!**

#### **\*Prayer**

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope.

**Renew us by your Holy Spirit that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn PH 324 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” Carol Wetzel, Cantor**

### **\*Call to Confession**

Christ is nearer to us than we can imagine. Jesus' power is not just for a distant past and a far-off future. Jesus is here for us, right now. Because there is forgiveness with God, let us call upon the Lord, right now!

### **\*Confession**

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

**We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small.**

**We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.**

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to the paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### *Silent Confession*

*(In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Thus says the Lord, You shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.

**We believe the good news of Jesus and his resurrection. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **\*Responding to God's Grace**

As free and forgiven children of God, let us walk in God's light and live in his love.

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." (Jn 14.6) "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber... I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved." (Jn 10.1, 9)

**Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in holy scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.**

**We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.**

"Christ Jesus, whom God has made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption." (1 Cor 1.30)

**As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, in the same way and with the same seriousness he is also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.**

**We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords - areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.**

(Theological Declaration of Barmen, 1933, II 1, 2.)

## **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

**Old Testament Lesson**    Ezekiel 37:1-14

**New Testament Lesson**    John 11:1-45

### **Children's Time**

**\*Hymn Psalm 130, "A Prayer for Deliverance, Psalter for Christian Worship" (tune Aberystwyth)**

**Sermon "Rhythm, Ruts & Ruac"**

## **We Respond to God's Word**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **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.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.**

**Offering “As the Wind Song”**

*Carol Wetzel*

**\*Offertory PH 592 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn GTG 66 “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”**

**Charge and Benediction**

**\*Closing Refrain GTG 542 “God Be with you Till We Meet Again” vs. 1**

**Postlude Aberystwyth**

*arr. by David S. Harris*

***Lent, among other things, is an opportunity to examine our lives from many angles. Is your life in a rut? Is your spiritual life in a rut? Do you know someone who could use rhythm in their life? We encourage you to take a moment to light a candle of prayer. Pray for an infusion of God’s Ruac – whether in your life or in the life of someone you know.***

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Silas W.

Liam A.

Jerry and Mary H.

Chastity G. and Joan S.

Jolene S. – Sister and her husband

Lynn K. \*

Carol W. \*\*

Sheryl B.

Uncle Dick\*\*\*

\*Lynn is battling 2 different cancers. She is an RN & grandmother of 3 and would appreciate all prayers. Lynn is a friend of Laurie Christie.

\*\* Carol would appreciate prayers as she continues her journey for breast cancer treatment.

\*\*\*Uncle Dick is recovering from a serious illness. He is Laurie C.'s uncle.

## E-Giving

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Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we are able to worship God well.

## Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
MARCH 19, 2023	78 IN THE PEWS	\$1,321.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
MARCH 19, 2023		\$0.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
03/13--03/17/23		\$2,326.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
03/13--03/17/23		\$0.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS
		\$3,647.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK
		\$48,451.97	TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND
3/19/2023	05 Households		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 03/19/2023

## Looking Ahead

Feed My Starving Children

Palm Sunday

One Great Hour of Sharing

Easter Sunday

Train Show

Fall Prevention Training

April 1

April 2

April 2

April 9

April 15 / April 16

May 21

## This Week at Church

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>03.26 Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>
9:00-10:00am	Worship Pastor Ken will lead us in worship. Sanctuary & Zoom
10:15am	Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am	Worship Team
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections Adults - Lenten Book Study – Parlor (Hybrid) Children/Youth – Gathering Room
11:30-12:30pm	Lenten Lunches (Last one of the season.)
1:00-3:00pm	AA Planning Meeting
1:00-3:00pm	PYA – Roller Skating – Everyone is welcome!
6:00-7:30pm	Boy Scout Troop 702
<b>Monday</b>	<b>03.27</b>
10:00-11:00am	Staff Meeting
5:00pm	PNC Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>03.28</b>
7:00-8:00pm	Confirmation
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>03.29</b>
8:00-9:00am	Men's Breakfast
10:15-11:15am	Lenten Book Study
4:30-5:30pm	Hand Bell Practice
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>03.30</b>
6:00pm	Warming Shelter Meal
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3.31</b>
	<b>Feed My Starving Children Set-up</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>04.01</b>
	<b>Feed My Starving Children</b>
9:00-12:00pm	Table Tennis
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>04.02 Sixth Sunday in Lent</b>
	<b>Palm Sunday / Communion Sunday / Fishing Derby</b>
9:00-10:00am	Worship Pastor Ken will lead us in worship. Sanctuary & Zoom
10:15	Fellowship Time
10:15-12:30pm	Fish Derby
11:30-12:30pm	Farewell and Thank You Luncheon for Pastor Ken
6:00-7:30pm	Boy Scouts Troop 702 Committee Meeting