

# We Gather to Worship God

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*From the Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee*

Gerald Near

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 98

*To God Be the Glory*

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### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Come out! Jesus commands,

**And calls us from the tombs of our existence**

**into the brightness of a new day.**

Come out! Jesus cries,

**And unbinds us from the chains of our past.**

Come out! Jesus calls,

**And entices us into a world filled with grace and possibility.**

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

### THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you

up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord. This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 130

*Germany*

**Out of the depths I call to you,  
Lord, hear my voice and heed my prayer;  
Look with compassion on my plea,  
Weigh my petition, Lord, with care.**

**For if you note each sinful deed,  
Lord, who could stand when you appeared?  
But with you is forgiveness found  
And therefore, Lord, you shall be feared.**

**O Israel, wait upon the Lord;  
Mercy is always found with him,  
And freedom, too, abounds in God  
Who frees his people from their sin.**

### THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:6-11

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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### ANTHEM

*We Are Singing for the Lord Is Our Light*

Hal Hopson

### \* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them

plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Mr. Josh

### SERMON

Rev. Kyle Randle

### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 420

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

*Trentham*

(over)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried,  
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and  
sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence  
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS  
If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.  
Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we have turned away from you,  
knowingly and unknowingly.**  
**We have wandered from your resurrection life.**  
**We have strayed from your love for all people.**  
**Turn us back to you, O God.**  
**Give us new hearts and right spirits,**  
**that we may find what is pleasing to you**  
**and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

Receive the good news: God turns to you in love.  
"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.  
All you sin is forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who is the free and unbounding gift of God's grace for you. **Amen.**

\* RESPONSE No. 482 *Lord, Have Mercy* *Kriewald Kyrie*  
*Repeated phrases are sung first by leader and then by all*  
**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**  
**Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER  
Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

OFFERTORY *O How Blessed Are Ye* Johannes Brahms  
**~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~**

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 437 *This Is My Song* *Finlandia*

\* BENEDICTION  
\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Improvisation on CWM Rhondda* Paul Manz

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

**Birthdays This Week**

**March 29:** Michael Brooks  
**March 30:** Frankie Hardwick, Cheryl Rollins  
**March 31:** Grady Hagen  
**April 1:** Emmy Hood  
**April 4:** Delan Stevens, Walon Cox



The **Lenten Offering** will benefit various charities in Horry County, CAP, Help4Kids, The Shepherd's Table, and Waccamaw Youth Center. Donations are now being accepted through Easter Sunday, April 12. Please mark your checks for the Lenten Offering. Thank you for your help during this Lenten Season.

**Prayer Concerns:** Bobby Stilley, Vicki Smink, Woodie Woodward, Joann Wiegand, Bob Miller, Braelyn Philips, Karlene Rudolph, Louise Goodwin, Val Dunham, **At Home:** Ronny Thompkins, Sonya Martin, Julia Land, Bernice Stone, Virginia Buck, Sue Dusenbury, Janet Von Deck, Frank Stilley, George & Jan Kyzer, Catherine Causey, Frances Reaman, Virginia Hardwick, Sylvia Avant, Kathy Tuttle, Rebecca Howell, Eugenia Benton, Billy Joe Calhoun, Ruth Thomas, Ted Boyd.

**STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 22**

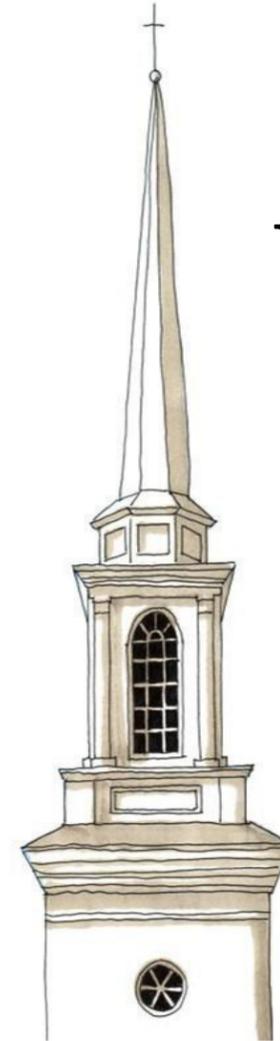
<b>Operating Fund</b>	3,417.00	Sunday School Online	900+
<b>Designated Giving</b>	1,593.00	Worship Online	500+
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	557.00		

As the generous people of FUMC, we ask that you continue your giving via online <https://onrealm.org/fumconway/give/operatingfund>, Text **Firstconway to 73256** or by mailing your offering to the church, 1001 Fifth Avenue, Conway, SC 29526. Our Promises to God are a vital part of continuing the mission and ministry that supports the community, staff leadership, and the total ministry of FUMC. **Your continued financial support is critical** in helping the church continue to be the church, especially in times like this.

For now, the staff continues to be present on the FUMC campus during the week. They are working very hard to ensure FUMC has the opportunity to respond to community mission needs as they occur, maintain the FUMC campus, and be available to you however we may be during this challenging time.

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Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 29, 2020  
10:30 a.m.



## Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. As children of God, together we join in worship to experience the transforming love of our Savior.

We are here this morning to worship God. Through our songs, words of praise, prayers and scripture reading, we give honor and glory to God. Wondrous things happen as we worship. Lives are changed. The presence of God brings hope, comfort, healing, and joy. Let us worship in gladness. Jesus, the Lord of Life is with us.