



The Celebration of Worship

Mar 29, 2020 5th Sunday in Lent

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Welcome & Announcements

Please join in lighting a candle at home.

Introit

**All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let
Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.**

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 71)

Leader: In You, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame.

**People: Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me
when my strength is spent.**

Leader: O God, do not be far from me; O, God, make haste to help me!

People: I will hope continually and yet praise You more and more.

Gathering Hymn

“Bless the Lord”

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, Who leads you into life.

Prayer of Confession

**All: Gracious God, our sin is too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and
too deep to undo. Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us
grace to grow in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ,
the light of the world. Amen.**

Assurance of God’s Grace

Leader: Hear the promise of God from Psalm 130. “With the Lord there
is steadfast love, and with God there is great power to redeem.” Through
Jesus Christ, we have been redeemed.

All: Amen.

Response to God’s Mercy

**Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it
was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end,
Amen, Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Discovery Table

Rola Al Ashkar

Hymn of Grace

“Grace Alone”

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

**All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts,
the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be
acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ’s name
we pray. Amen.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:9-14

Then God said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, 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.” I prophesied
as God commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived,
and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then God 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.’ Therefore
prophesy, 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. And 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, 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.”

Second Reading

Luke 6:6-11

On another Sabbath Jesus went into the synagogue and was teaching, and
a man was there whose right hand was shriveled. The Pharisees and the
teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they
watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. But Jesus

knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Get up and stand in front of everyone.” So he got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?” He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was completely restored. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Sermon
“What Gives Us Life”

Veronica Gould

Opportunity To Present Offerings & Doxology

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

**Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Rola Al Ashkar**

Please enter any prayer requests, joys or concerns, in the comments of the Facebook Live video so we can include you in our prayers.

The Lord’s Prayer

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Benediction

Veronica Gould

Response: “Shalom”

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)