

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

5th Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Gracious and loving God, we stand this morning like the crowds outside the tomb of Lazarus long ago. We are curious, wondering what you are going to do. While others may expect to be disappointed, we're prepared to be surprised. We know that as you brought life to him through Jesus Christ your Son, you will also touch us with your Spirit, causing us to cast aside the wrappings of death, to walk in newness of life. Call us this morning to come forth, and we shall come forth and go forth into your world. Amen.

PRELUDE

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Hayes
Betsy Lord, Piano

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 130)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem.

Let us worship God!

**HYMN (GTG) 667*

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" (Laudes Domini)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Savior, we confess that what we say we believe and the beliefs our lives profess frequently aren't the same. We say that you are good, yet we're quick to blame you when discomfort, turmoil, or distress arises. We say that you love us, but we act as if your will for our lives cannot be trusted. We proclaim that we are forgiven, yet we continue to carry the burdensome baggage of our past. We profess that you are a faithful God, yet we're riddled with anxiety, fear, and impatience. Forgive us, Lord. Give us the courage to look honestly at the disparity between what we say we believe and the truth that our actions and attitudes tell. We pray for the grace to close the gap between the two. Amen. *(A time for silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Listen to these hymns at your convenience.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"I Am the Vine, You Are the Branches" Joncas
Bill McWhirter, Voice

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 11:1-5, 17-45; NT Page 104

These words are a lamp to our feet and a light to our path as we strive to know and serve our Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Jesus our Friend" Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

**HYMN (GTG) 465*

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (Converse)

LENTEN CREED (*Traveling to Easter with Jesus as our Guide*, Patmos Abbey—The Order of Saint Columba)

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Christ is the divine child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child. We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and discipline are also loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us. This is our faith, and we are humbled to profess it in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Denny, Anne, and David Townsend

Prayer institution of the week: Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church (Odenton, MD)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

**HYMN (GTG) 725*

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" (Nyland)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" arr. Young
Betsy Lord, Piano

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If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Vickie Mohr (240-475-0767) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.

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sharing Christ's love with all.*

