



March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Coming from places that have seen better days,

People: God bids us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.

Leader: Coming with our breath taken away by grief,

People: the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us, renewing our connection with God and with one another.

Leader: Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,

People: Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death, speaking in word and sacrament and building community for holy service.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life with your grace and love and power. Lead us in our time of worship, that we may be prepared to follow your lead in places where life is at risk-places where hope seems far away, places where dreams die during sleep. When we leave these walls, help us live the teachings we proclaim within this place of worship. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE WORD IN MUSIC

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 11:1-45

SERMON

"Hard Hope"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

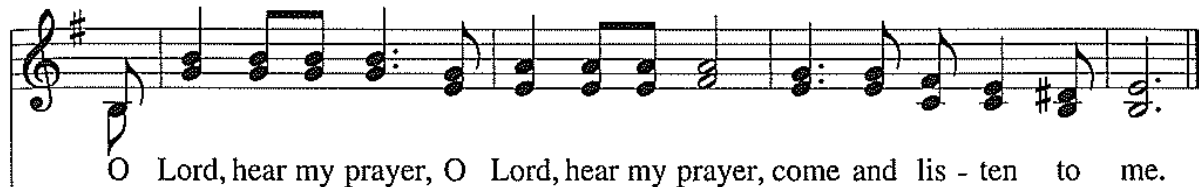
HYMN

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE



PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Divine Sustainer, receive this offering that we gladly give. May it be used to revive and restore those in need. Amen.

HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

BENEDICTION

Leader: As we go our separate ways, remember that God has placed God's Spirit within each one of us.

People: Let us go forth centered in God and let God be centered in us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 26, 2023

SUNDAY WORSHIP: Livestream is at www.facebook.com/euccvalleycity/live

RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

Sunday Worship Attendance: 43	Facebook: 7
Offering: \$1,957.00	Sign: \$8,831.00
Church Bank: \$4.00	

CHURCH BANK – If you wish to express a joy or concern for Church Bank, we ask you write them down on the papers provided in the pews and place it in the offering plate by the door. The following week each joy or concern will be posted on the slides before church.

OFFICE HOURS- Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30-2:30, and Wednesday from 8:30-12:30.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Pete and Sandy Berger in memory of Judy Broucker.

NEW CHURCH SIGN- We will be taking donations for a new church sign. There are envelopes available in the Narthex for anyone who would like to donate.

LENT SOUP SUPPERS will be on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. March 1st-March 29th. Please sign up and let us know what you plan to bring.

MAUNDY THURSDAY service will be on April 6th at 7 p.m.

EASTER SERVICE will be at 10 a.m. followed by egg hunt.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held after March 29th Soup Supper at 7 p.m.

FISH FRY will be April 7th from 4:30- 6:30 p.m. Please get tickets in advance. Tickets are \$15 each.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE meets the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

COFFEE IN THE VALLEY will be March 30th from 11-noon.

BUCKEYE HIGH SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY we will be collecting donations now through April 16th. Lists are available for specific items.

ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP: The calendar for providing altar flowers to honor someone, in memory of a loved one, or “just because” is on the Narthex information table. There are many opportunities for you to enhance our worship atmosphere with the beauty of flowers. We are getting our altar flowers from Baskets, Boxes, etc. The cost is \$20.00 each.

PASTOR REBEKAH’S INFORMATION: Cell number: 231-327-8107. Email: rarw1981@gmail.com. Her office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 a.m.-noon.

KEEP OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN PRAYER: Bette Benko is in hospice, Scott Campbell, Jennifer Luf, Bill Nolan, Judy Schwartz, Marge Naftzger, Bob Schneider, Terry Flanagan, Mikey Coombes' mother, Vivian, Pastor John Baker, Mary Neff, Dan Garver, Harold Cottrell, Jay Nelson, Rick Palumbo, Jan Gutt, Dorrie Van Buren.