

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



March 29, 2020

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME,

If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.

Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters.

A nursery is provided for younger children should you want to use it at any time. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,

Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome...

PRE-SERVICE

Arr. Adams

Jesus Paid It All / O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.

*Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Arr. Carter

What Wondrous Love Is This? Wounded

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is present, who gives life,
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Amen.

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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God, *have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wondered 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 good news: God turns to you in love. “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you. **Amen.**

HYMN

Baptized and Set Free

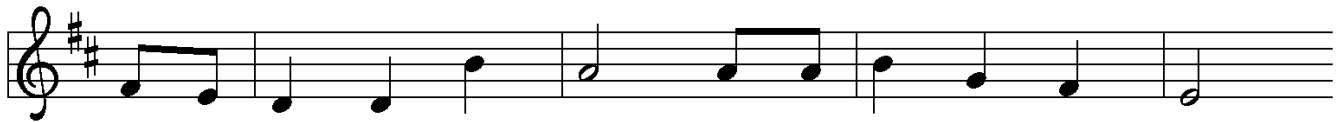
W&P 14



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from Ezekiel.

¹The 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. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I 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."

⁷So 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. ⁸I 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. ⁹Then 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.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then 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.’ ¹²Therefore 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I 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.”

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

Hold Me Jesus

Mullins

READING: Romans 8:6-11

A reading from Romans.

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For 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, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But 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. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If 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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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 11th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But 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.” ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus 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. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” ¹¹After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary

to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When 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." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The 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. ³²When 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." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having

heard me. ⁴²I 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.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The 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.”

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

MESSAGE

Jesus brings new life

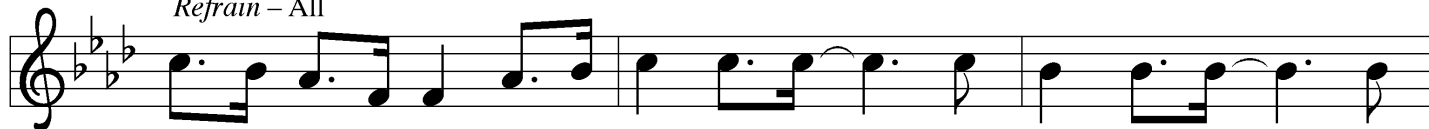
We stand.

HYMN

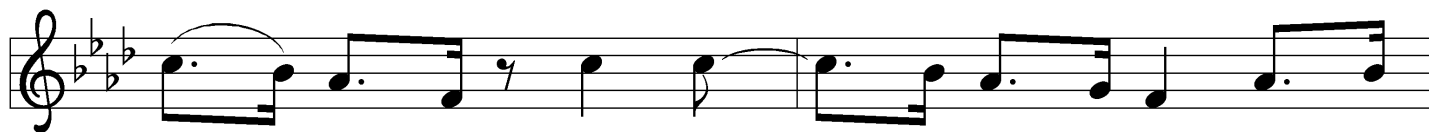
Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

ELW 333

Refrain – All



Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a

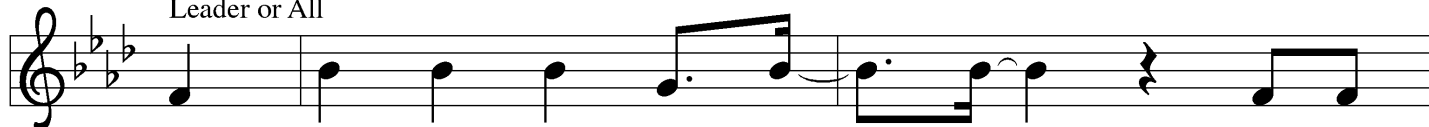


wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a



wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying W&P 92
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord send your Spirit in this place:
Lord, listen to your children praying,
*Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. **Amen.***

THE MEAL

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may make a contribution any time by visiting www.mthlc.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

OFFERING

Healing Rain

Michael W Smith

OFFERTORY

I Love You, Lord

W&P 67

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Chord symbols: F², Gm/F, F, B \flat , F/A, Gm⁷, F/A, C⁷ sus, C, B \flat /D, C/E, F², Gm/F, F, F⁷, B \flat , F/A, F sus/G, C⁷, B \flat ²/F, F².

MUSIC*Lord, Listen to Your Children*

W&P 91

On bend - ed knee, with need - y hearts, we
come and pray. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren.
With will - ing hearts and o - pen arms, we come and pray.
Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren. With
sim - ple words of heart - felt thanks, we come. Be -
liev - ing in your prom - is - es, we come. On
bend - ed knee, with need - y hearts, we come and pray. Lord,
lis - ten to your chil - dren, lis - ten to your chil - dren.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

W&P 92

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord send your Spirit in this place:
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. **Amen.***

We stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Holy and generous host, all that we have is a gift on loan from you. Remind us. As we offer these gifts, we pray you will use these gifts and multiply your work in us. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

***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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.***

THE SENDING

BLESSING

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation.

*Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, † bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. **Amen.***

HYMN *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

ELW 712



1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Arr. Adams

Were You There? There is a Balm in Giliad

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our 53rd wedding anniversary and all of the many blessings that God has given us by Herb and Connie Bucknam.

Tithes, and Offering for 03/22/2020 Live Stream Worship Sunday School – n/a

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$525.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$25.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$650.00

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In honor of my beloved Joshua on his 8th birthday by Robin Ellisor.



Tithe.ly Online Giving.

You may download the Tithely app and select Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church 3011 Leaphart Road

Or you may give from our website at www.mthlc.com and select *Online Giving*

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As you know each day brings a new set of ~~challenges~~ opportunities. The telephones continue to be forwarded to my cell phone. If you need anything, we have teams ready to help you out. Please telephone, email, or FaceBook message me.

A couple of things we will be doing for the next couple of weeks: Two new mailboxes have been installed. One is in the front courtyard on Leaphart Road and a second one is in the dirt parking lot on Methodist Park Road. On Fridays at noon, we will placing “Lysol”-ed worship folders in these mailboxes. You are invited to come to the church and pick up a one for Sunday’s live streaming. There is also a yellow folder in the mailbox. In this yellow folder, we are printing worksheets for our younger disciples. Students, would you complete the bulletins and snap a picture of your creativity. Send those photos to WeAreMtHermon@gmail.com



We have been asked by the Red Cross not to cancel this:

**Red Cross Blood Drive
April 26, 2020 11:30-4:00**

Mt. Hermon is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive Please make plans to donate blood to save a life. You can register to give by going to www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code “**mthermon**” to make your appointment or call the Church Office, 803.794.6430, so that we can help you register.

MT HERMON PRAYS ...

**everyone who has been affected by the virus and sickness*

Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff, *Home*

Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens*

Hazel Bockus, *Carolina Gardens*

Lynwood Crout, *Home*

Tom & June Roof, *Home*

Margie Hook, *Home*

Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*

Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home*

Rev. Everette Price, *Home*

Ernie Swygert, *Home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta Berry

Connie Bucknam

Lila Catt

Jim Whitaker

Jeff Bucknam, *deployed*

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease*

Jane Park, *friend of Pastor Gina & Dion*

Jean Wooten, *friend of Linda Waters-Hamilton*

Tommy Roof, *son of Tom & June Roof*

Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*

Eric Powell, *friend of Kim Fulmer*

Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*

Harold & Mary Prater, *parents of Ray Prater*

Sonny Williams, *friend of Kenny Bouknight*

Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*

Chuck Backman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*

Floyd Fuller, *uncle of David Marsh*

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*

Gary & Linda Hodgin, *friends of Herb & Connie Bucknam*

Lois Moore & family, *family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*

Bill Harrell, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

Don Morris, *father of Keith Morris*

Cheryl Coureville, *friend of Herb & Connie Bucknam*

Mary Frances Hamilton, *friend of congregation*

Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

Jimmy Mills, *father of Tommy Mills*

Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*

Mandy McLemore, *co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price*

John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*

Jenifer Gooding, *co-worker of Joel Price Jr. & Mary Price*

Todd Hewitt, *friend of Missy Addy*

Sherri Crapps, *sister-in-law of Linda Waters-Hamilton*

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

**There will be live streaming for
Holy Week Services!**

Sunday, April 5th *Palm Sunday*
9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

Wednesday, April 8th
9:00 am – 12:00 Food Pantry
12:00 Holy Week Bulletins will be
in the mailboxes



Thursday, April 9th *Maundy Thursday*
6:30 pm Worship – Live Stream



Friday, April 9th *Good Friday*

6:30 pm Worship – Live Stream

12:00 noon Saturday
& Sunday's Bulletins will be
in the mailboxes



Saturday, April 11th *Easter Vigil*

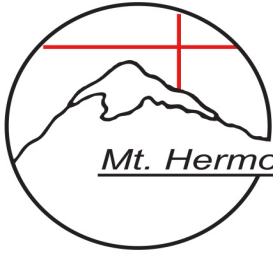
6:30 pm Worship – Live Stream



Sunday, April 12th *Easter Resurrection Service*

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream





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Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, *Sextons*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, March 29th *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

Wednesday, April 1st

9:00 am – 12:00 Food Pantry (Angie Hydrick)

Friday, April 2nd

9:00 am – 12:00 Food Pantry

12:00 noon Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

Saturday, April 4th

10:00 am Easter Eggstravaganza – ***Cancelled***