

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

10:30am



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**It is the Mission of Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church to be:
A blessed community in Christ, that warmly welcomes people across their lifespans,
to worship and serve in varied and diverse ways,
enthusiastically responding to God's call.**

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WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

PRAY & PLAY PACKS are available in the Narthex. Children are welcome to take a pack as they enter the Sanctuary and return it on the way out.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

The Sick: Ruth Carbone, Joan Collins, Donielle Didiano, Doris Gargone, Pat Kendrick, Ina Montelius, Lynne Palomaki, Betty Polverari, Bob Puckett, Annabelle Spaulding and Bryan Tuccillo.

Homebound Members: Chet Blomquist, Barbara Lane and Ken Sondergaard.

The Grieving especially the family and friends of Viola Benson.

Military: For all those serving, and all those who have served in the Middle East and around the world, and the chaplains of our churches who serve them, especially Cody Cox, Alexander Hassen, Ben Hassen and Patrick Tuccillo.

(Time will be allowed in the Prayers of the Church for you to name anyone else in need of prayers.)

*****PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET LOCATED AT THE END OF EACH PEW.****FIRST AND LAST NAMES!!!!*****

LAST WEEK'S ONLINE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 10:30am – 26
LAST WEEK'S MEMBER GIVING: \$1,875.00.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

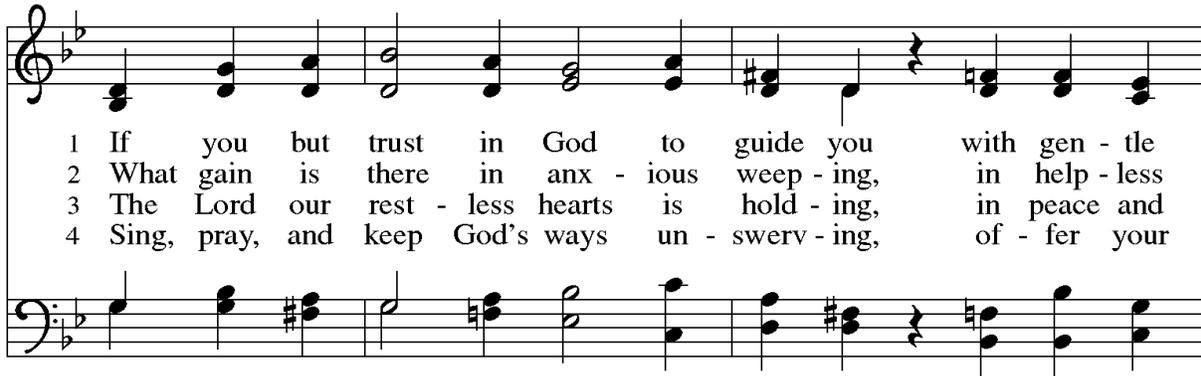
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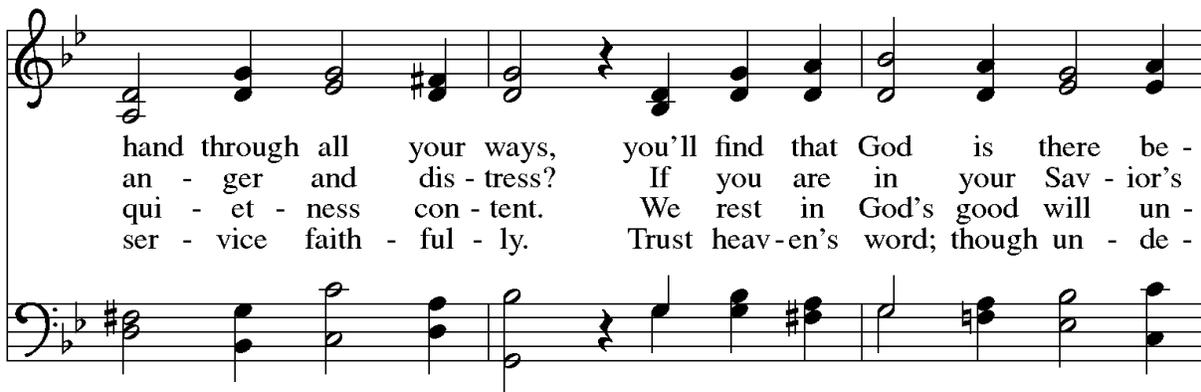
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OPENING SONG

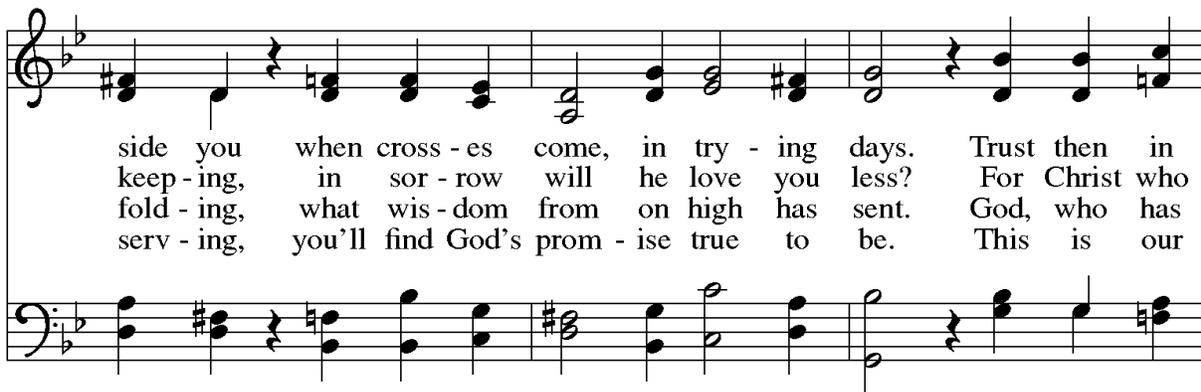
“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”



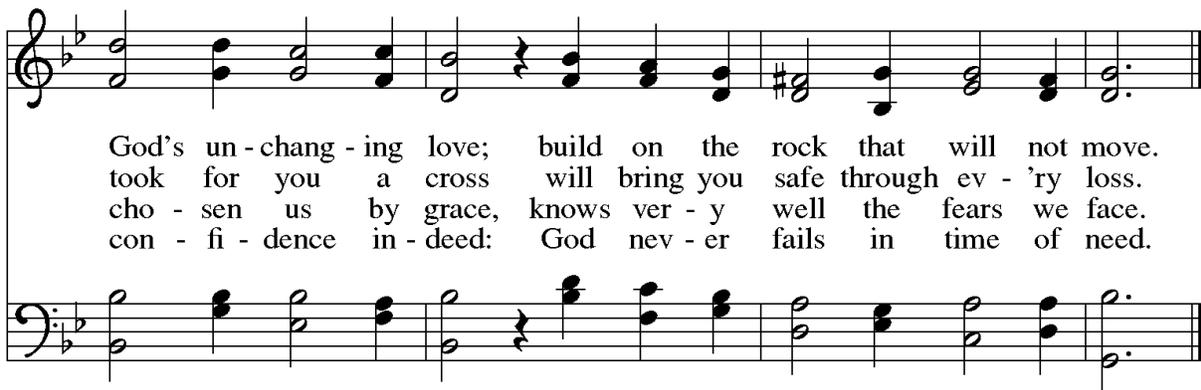
1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. *(a brief silence)*

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.”
At your command, the sick were made well.
Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus,
that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus.
May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear,
which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride,
which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.
Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died.
As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals
who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process.
May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations.
Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern
for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve.
Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions
that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.
May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad,
surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few,
Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.
In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us.

All: Amen

All: 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.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYER REQUESTS

Welcome to all who worship today!

*May our singing, our fellowship with Christ and with one another,
 our prayers, our hearing and our studying of the Word all be blessed by God.*

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

The **FIRST READING** is from **Ezekiel:**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."

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, 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." 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 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. 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."

Lector: Word of God! Word of life!

People: Thanks be to God!

The SECOND READING is from Paul's letter to the Romans:

Romans 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

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.

Lector: Word of God! Word of life!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“We Are Turning”



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL

John 11:1–45

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies.

Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

People: **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.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord!
People: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

Pastor Myers

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

SONG OF THE DAY

“You Are Mine”



1 “I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 “I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 “I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*
 all will know my name. *To refrain*
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



Refrain
 Do not be a - afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine.” *To stanzas 3 and 4*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(The petitions marked "Worshipper" may be read by anyone who feels so moved by the Spirit.)

Leader: Let us pray to God, who alone makes us dwell in safety:

A brief silence.

Worshipper: For all who are affected by coronavirus, through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery.
We pray for our mission partners, especially The Shoreline Community Dining Room.

(silence) Lord, hear us:

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Worshipper: For those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping national policies,
that they may make wise decisions.

(silence) Lord, hear us:

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Worshipper: For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,
that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health.

(silence) Lord, hear us:

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For the vulnerable and the fearful, for the gravely ill and the dying,
that they may know your comfort and peace.

We pray for the sick, especially....

We pray for the homebound, especially....

We pray for the grieving, especially the families and friends of Viola Benson.

We pray for our troops in the Middle East and around the world,
and the chaplains who serve them, especially....

And we pray for those we name now in our hearts and on our lips, especially....

(silence) Lord, hear us:

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Pastor: We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.
Merciful Father,

All: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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.**

SENDING SONG

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Blest Be the Tie that Binds". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final four lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER PLANTS – Orders will be taken through Wednesday, April 1st for Easter Plants which will grace our Chancel and Nave on Easter. *Order Forms have been emailed and will be attached to this email as well.*

DEVOTIONALS for April, May and June are available in the Narthex today for a small fee. Take and use these materials to enhance your prayer life. *Please let me know if you'd like one mailed to you.*

2019 STATEMENTS & 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Narthex. Please take yours as you leave today! If you do not see envelopes with your name on it, please see Heather in the church office. Thank you for your continued support of Tabor Church and have a blessed holiday season! *Please let me know if you'd like them mailed to you.*

Duffle Bags for Foster Kids

Eagle Scout Project by Erik Bernard

March 1st – April 12th

Items being collected:

Duffle Bags

(enough for a weekends worth of clothes)

A small Stuffed Animal

Personal Care items

(shampoo, brush/comb, toothbrush, toothpaste)



Diaper Wipes*
Feminine Products*
Razors*

** Please do not put wipes, feminine products or razors in backpacks*

EASTER PLANTS 2020

(Order Form)

Orders are now being taken for Easter Plants which will grace our Chancel and Nave on Easter Sunday. You may place your order by completing this form and returning it, along with payment, to the Church Office, by **Wednesday, April 1st**. Checks may be made payable to: Tabor Lutheran Church. **We suggest that you pick up your Easter Plant to either decorate your home, plant in your garden, or to share with a friend, relative, or shut-in of your choice. Plants may not be picked up until 12:00pm following the 10:30am Easter Worship Service.**

Plants Available: **\$10 per plant for Easter Lilies**
\$12 per plant for Daffodils or Hyacinths or Tulips

How Many	Type of Plant	<i>Please select:</i> In Honor Of: or In Memory Of:	Given By:	<u>Pick-Up</u> Yes or No

CHURCH CALENDAR

March 29, 2020 – April 5, 2020

Sunday, March 29, 2020

5th Sunday in Lent

10:30am – 11:15am

Worship – LIVE Stream on FB

Sanctuary

Monday, March 30, 2020 – Friday, April 3, 2020

Office Hours will vary each day

Please leave a message or email and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

You can also call Pastor Myers at 203-214-2551

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

10:30am – 11:15am

Worship – LIVE Stream on FB

Sanctuary