



McLeod Memorial Presbyterian Church

Order of Service

5th Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

Centering words for worship *(based on Psalm 130)*

Lord, we come crying to you from the depths. We come bearing our souls and awaiting your response. We wait in hope, knowing that you promise to hear and provide.

Opening hymn

"I Danced in the Morning" *(YouTube)*

Prayer of confession

Friends, today is a Sunday for refreshment, a time of Sabbath relief in the midst of this challenging Lent. Believing God's promise of forgiveness, let us rejoice in the gift of confession. Let us pray together:

God of all that is, seen and unseen, when you ask us if dry bones can live, we are skeptical, wary of looking foolish preaching to the long dead and unsure that your Spirit is really enough to bring sinew and breath to places of loss and desolation. Forgive our lack of trust and help us to proclaim your life-giving power with courage, no matter the circumstances. Silence in us any voice but yours until that time when Christ returns and death and crying and mourning are no more. *(Silent prayer)* Amen.

Assurance of pardon *(Psalm 130:7-8)*

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is the Lord who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Friends, believe the Good News, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen!

Sermon **"If God is For Us, All is Well Now"**

Affirmation of faith *(from A Brief Statement of Faith, 10.2)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayer of dedication

Gracious God, it is a privilege to partner with you in sharing the good news of the gospel in Word and deed. We ask your blessings on these gifts offered in faith and given with joy. May they be an outward sign of your mercy and grace and a witness to your overflowing goodness toward all of creation.

The Lord's Prayer *(Traditional)*

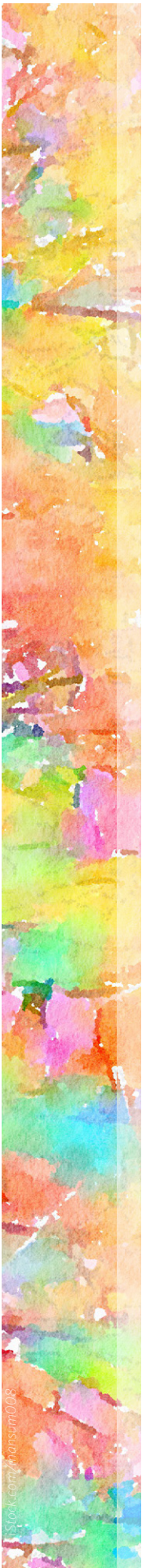
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing hymn

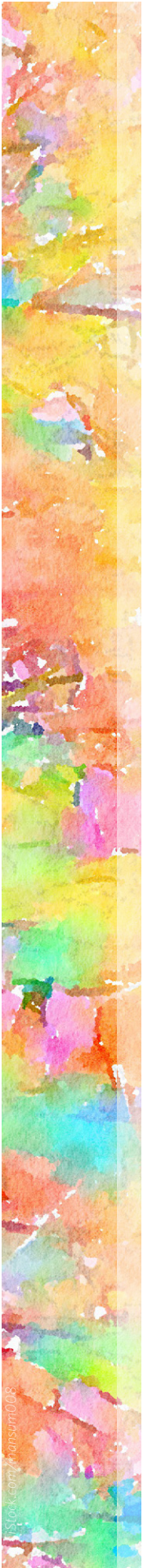
"Breathe On Me, Breath of God" *(See link)*

Charge and benediction

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
May the Lord bless and keep you. The Lord be kind and gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.



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