



WHITEHOUSE UMC

...to love, serve, and share Christ

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 28, 2021—9:30 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Dr. Sarah Roberts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL TO WORSHIP

inspired by Ezekiel 37:1-14, by Amy Loving

The Spirit of God has brought us here. **The Lord has set us down here, though our bones are tired.**
Can these dry bones live? **Yes! The Breath of God will revive us! The Word of God will awaken us!**
Today, we come together to experience new life. **Let us give thanks to the Wild, Life-Giving Spirit of God!**

†OPENING PRAYER

†HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

*1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.*

*2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every trembling breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find our second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.*

*3. Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.*

*4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" - words by Charles Wesley; music by John Zundel CCLI #1550924

†AFFIRMATION

Worship & Song: Worship Resources #79

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come.
We follow Christ, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us.
He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry.
He was crucified, died, and was raised by God, and reigns over all Creation;
and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.
We live by the Spirit, together with the communion of saints,
as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church.
We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of resurrection, and the reality of eternal life.
In all things it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

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†RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

UMH 70

*Glorify be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

"Glorify be to the Father" – words *Lesser Doxology*; music by Charles Meineke

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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. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

How Great the Love

by Mary Kay Bell

†OFFERING MOMENT & DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" – words by Thomas Ken, adapt. By Gilbert H. Viera;

music from *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, hamr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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†HYMN

I Am Thine, O Lord, vv. 1-3

UMH 419

I am thine, O Lord,

I have heard thy voice,

and it told thy love to me;

but I long to rise

in the arms of faith

and be closer drawn to thee.

Consecrate me now

to thy service, Lord,

by the power of grace divine;

let my soul look up

with a steadfast hope,

and my will be lost in thine.

O the pure delight

of a single hour

that before thy throne I spend,

when I kneel in prayer,

and with thee, my God,

I commune as friend with friend!

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.

Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious bleeding side.

"I Am Thine, O Lord" - words by Frances J. Crosby; music by William H. Doane

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†SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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 round 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, 'Prophesy 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, 'Prophesy 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.'

This is the word of God for us, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Season of Change: Fresh Air

Rev. Trey Burns

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy vv. 1-3

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, Come ye weary, heavy laden, Weak and wounded, sick and sore; God's free bounty glorify; lost and ruined by the fall; Jesus ready stands to save you, true belief and true repentance, if you tarry till you're better, full of pity, love, and power. every grace that brings you nigh. you will never come at all.

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" - words by Joseph Hart; music from Southern Harmony, harm. by Charles Webb CCLI #1550924 Harm. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

†BENEDCITION

As you go from this place, may the Wind of God rattle your bones. As you go forth in grace, may the Breath of God lift you to your feet. As you walk through the valley, may the Spirit of God give you new life.

Dr. Sarah Roberts

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to help with our children's ministry? Sandy Barbour, who's leading that ministry, needs a few volunteers each Wednesday night. She'll lead the lesson and plan the activities—volunteers will assist with meal time, help run activities, and have fun with the kids. You can sign up on the list at the back of the Sanctuary, or through the sign-up survey Pastor Trey will be sending out. Sign up for as many (or as few) weeks as you'd like!

It's time to start planning summer activities! Our children and youth groups are planning to go to Lakeview Summer Camp July 5-9, and our youth group will be going on a UM ARMY mission trip June 20-26. If you know a student who would like to attend either of these events, let them know, and have their family contact Pastor Trey for details on how to get registered.

SPRC will be meeting on Monday, March 1, at 7:00pm in Conner Hall. Members who wish to attend virtually can use the Zoom access information that was sent out to committee members this weekend.

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PRAYER LIST

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| The Weavers | The Loros | Michael Robinson | Harold Marshall |
| Sandra Walton | Brenda Caps | Betty Garner | Bert Gardner |
| Gaige Hendley | Lauren Lawler | Cindy North | Kelly Kea |
| Kristen Longfellow | Guy De LaMarter | Teresa Mitchum Hughes | Paul Rider |
| Janice Dupree | Joyce Bammes | The Lintners | Hannah Dintelman |
| Jason Krob | Luke Shaeffer | Gene Ruelle | The Calhouns |
| Ryan Baron | Bobbie Akers | Bri Benoit | Jennie Townsend |
| The Wilkes | Our Country | Matt Lockwood | Our Schools |
| Our Schools | Members of our military | Our church family | Our elected officials |
| Our children's ministry | | Our community | First Responders |

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