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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 22, 2026
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.

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As we approach Holy Week, having Jesus at our tombs also means that we must follow him to his. We must endure the silence of his Saturday even as we endure the silences of our own. But we endure them knowing already that Sunday will surely come, that when we are walking in the garden of our grief, we will meet him again.

—Meda Stamper

Gathering Music

“As the Deer”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“The Way of the Cross Leads Home”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

John Pauls
Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

People: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Leader: Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and great power to redeem.

People: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits; and in the word of the Lord I hope.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 332)

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

* Responding in Peace (CONGR 635 v 2)

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

SOJOURNER

Children’s Sermon

Rev. Cristina Adams

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 383)

“Near to the Heart of God”

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** In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

Unison Discipline of Confession

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

“God So Loved the World”

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Faith in Action

Preston Knight

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

“Near the Cross”

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those attending Children's Church may leave now.)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

* Gospel Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
John 11.38-44

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
“A Dead Man Lives”

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* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 544)

“When Sorrow Floods the Troubled Heart”
RESIGNATION

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

Postlude

“Be Thou My Vision”

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

Assoc. Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families: Rev. Cristina Adams

Liturgist: John Pauls • Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Director of Worship Music: Mark Robinson

Livestream Video Crew: Steve Yoder, Joanna Gillette • Sound: Marylee Southard

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Liberating Word of God Ministries

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Minister Rev. Dr. James M. Harrison,
serving the American Baptist Churches of the South

International Ministries Global Servant: Sarah McCloy, serving in Japan

Faith in Action Partner: Tiffany DeTienne, founder and pastor of The Fringe congregation who worships in FBC's
building on Tuesday evenings

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