

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
April 2, 2017  
"Fifth Sunday In Lent"

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OPENING RESPONSE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 130)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!  
**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;**  
My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.  
**For with the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.**

\*HYMN "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" 457

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Through Christ, call us once again to come alive in faith, serving you and all those you love.

SILENT PRAYERS

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister

\*GLORIA PATRI

FIRST READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" 263

SECOND READING John 11:1-7, 17-27, 38-44

SERMON "Believing The Adventure" Rev. Janell Blair

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Study Catechism (PCUSA)

Question: How do you understand the love and power of God?

**Answer: Through Jesus Christ. In his life of compassion, his death on the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, I see how vast is God's love for the world—a love that is ready to suffer for our sakes, yet so strong that nothing will prevail against it. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\*HYMN "In The Cross Of Christ I Glory" 84

POSTLUDE

\*Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to *stand*

**Welcome:** To all who worship with us this morning. Visitors and members are asked to please sign the Ritual of Friendship pad. Thank you for worshipping with us!

**Announcements:** During Lent, our congregation will join with First United Methodist and Wesley United Methodist churches for Brown Bag Luncheons each Tuesday at Noon. We will alternate hosting congregations and pastors will take turns leading a Lenten devotional. We will conclude each day by 1:00pm. If your schedule allows, please join in this opportunity for worship and fellowship with our fellow Christians!

This week's Lenten Luncheon will take place at Wesley United Methodist Church at Noon.

Next Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin Holy Week. You are encouraged to set aside some special time each day of Holy Week to at least read and pray about the day's Gospel reading.

We will celebrate communion on Easter Sunday.

There will be a session meeting after worship on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Birthdays:** April 3 – Dara Garlington. No anniversaries this week.

**Flowers:** Flowers were purchased this week by Toni Pool in honor of Greg's April 5<sup>th</sup>, birthday. April 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> available.

**Refreshments:** Sue Hooten, provided refreshments for the Congregation today.

**Newsletter:** Deadline to submit articles and information for May newsletter is **April 20, 2017**. If you have an article or announcement please turn it in to Silvia or slip it under the door to her office.

**Pastor: Rev. Janell Blair (361) 920-2492**                      **Pianist: Marilyn Pearce**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

9: 30 a.m. Sunday School – Upstairs Parlor                      Sunday School - Room 104 Ed. Wing  
10: 1 0 a.m. Fellowship Time – Southeast Vestibule                      **Session** – Session meeting – April 23, 2017  
10: 30 a.m. Morning Worship

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