



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

10:45am

Centering Words

In the quiet, we wait for you, O God.

We hope for your transforming love.

In the darkness of despair, we trust that you are here. **

Welcome/Opportunities for Service/Invocation

Chad Hartsock

Prelude

With Faith Transcending

Smith

Call to Worship

Chad Hartsock

(adapted from Ezekiel 37, Psalm 130)

Everything seems dead.

There is no life anywhere.

Our hopes have perished.

We see no future.

Send the power of your Spirit upon us.

Breathe new life into us.

We wait for your transforming love.

We hope. We wait. We trust. **

Let us worship the Lord together.

*Hymn of Gathering 241

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

MANNA

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know that it's the presence of the Lord.

Chorus:

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive,
till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say
I am going to walk with Jesus all the way. [Chorus]

(Children, meet your leader at the front of the sanctuary for Bible Study.)

Scripture Reading

Psalm 130

Ken Morton

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!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.
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,
more than those who watch for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn of Lent 242

Come, Teach Us, Spirit of Our God

MORNING SONG

Offertory Prayer

Kaylin Hartsock

Offertory

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us with He Leadeth Me arr. Berry

***Response of Thanksgiving** *Doxology* OLD 100TH/Laney

We follow You from morn to night,
Your easy yoke, Your burden light.
The way is hard and joyful too.
You take our hand, You see us through! Amen.***

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14 Karen Treadway

The 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. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I 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."

So 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. I looked, and there were the sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then 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." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then 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.' Therefore 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. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I 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 the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of God's Spirit 235

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

Musical Offering *God of Justice, Love, and Mercy* Wilmington
Worship Ensemble

God of justice, love, and mercy,
pour Your wisdom on our souls;
by your all sustaining power
keep our spirits strong and whole.
Lift our eyes to see Your vision
of a world in urgent need;
grant us courage then to follow,
bringing comfort with each deed.

God of justice, love, and mercy,
with compassion, let us care;
as we come in humble weakness,
may Your strength be ours to share.
Press our hearts to know the struggle
of the ones we cannot see;
brothers, sisters, all who suffer,
may your kindness set them free.

God of justice, love and mercy,
give us vision, make us bold.
As we strive for your high calling,
let our hands Your mercy hold.
You have blessed us with abundance,
gifts to share with those in need;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
may we follow as You lead.

Amen, amen!

Amen, amen!

Sermon

The Light of Lent: This Here Valley of Bones

Major Treadway

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Pastoral Prayer

Nenette Measels

*Hymn of Departing 521

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

*Benediction

Major Treadway

*If you can do so, please stand for this portion of the worship service.

The Coming Week at FBC

Sunday, March 22

5:00pm Youth Gathering/Room 214

Monday, March 23

6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall

7:30pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, March 24

1:00pm Staff Meeting/Church Office

Wednesday, March 25

4:00pm Wednesday's Neighbors/Parlor

5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper (Taco Salad Meal)/
Fellowship Hall

6:00pm Music Makers/Room 103

6:00pm Common Prayer and Bible Study/Music Suite

6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Suite

Thursday, 26

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles

Friday, March 27- Church Office Closed

Readings for Today:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Readings for Next Sunday:

Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm 45

Hebrews 10:4-10

Luke 1:26-38

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