

**BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LANCASTER PA
LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thus says the Lord:

"I will put my breath within you, and you shall live."

In gratitude, we praise the Giver of life.

Jesus says: "I am the resurrection and the life."

In gratitude, we praise the Source of our Being."

We gather to worship the One who frees us from
the grave

and stirs dry bone to life.

Spirit, come and enliven our worship!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,

we set our minds on wrong things—

on selfish gain, not generous service;

on pursuits that distract, not inspire;

on tasks that diminish, rather than give life.

We long to set our minds on eternal things—

on your way of mercy and compassion;

on paths that lead to justice and peace;

on living as people of hope.

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Give us grace when we fall short,

transform our hearts and renew our minds,

and set us free to follow you faithfully.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,

let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice;

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?**

For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

**I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits for you;
In your word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than sentries for the morning,
more than sentries for the morning.

**O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;
there is plenteous redemption with the Lord,
who shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

REFLECTION IN MUSIC

GOSPEL READING AND HOMILY

New Testament: John 11:1-45

"Do You Believe This?"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Preacher: Kent E. Holmes

Liturgist: Erin S. Cox-Holmes

Musician: Derek Martin

Worship Announcements:

Blessings to you all! Please be in touch with Pastor Kent via phone – 814-952-8711 or email kentholmes89@gmail.com with any concerns, joys or prayer requests

April 5: Palm Sunday – worship available on website at 10:00 a.m.

April 9: Maundy Thursday – Livestreaming worship with "virtual" communion at 7:30 p.m.

April 12: Easter Sunday – Worship available on website at 10:00 a.m.

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