



**First United Methodist Church
Downtown**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

Service of Morning Worship

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INTROIT

Sound His Praise

Mary McDonald

Let ev'ry creature join and praise Almighty God.
The trees of the field clap their hands;
And sound it abroad, sound it abroad.
Sound His praise!

WELCOME

* HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 529

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 103

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

**People: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader: He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger for
ever.

**People: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is
his steadfast love towards those who fear him;

**People: As far as the east is from the west, so far he
removes our transgressions from us. Bless the
Lord, O my soul.**

* OPENING PRAYER

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who
was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended
into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the
quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic* church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
life everlasting. Amen.**

*universal

* GLORIA PATRI

GREATorex

**Glory 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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00)

Children are invited to the nursery-side aisle of the sanctuary for a message and then to Children's Worship. Preschool in Room 101 and Elementary in Room 208-09.

SPECIAL MUSIC ***What Wondrous Love Is This*** Arnold B. Sherman
Handbell Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

*We would love to know how we can be in prayer with and for you.
Prayer requests are received by using prayer cards found at each exit
or by texting your request to 859-274-9471.*

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 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.

OFFERTORY ***I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*** Dan R. Edwards
Handbell Choir

Offering boxes are available in the narthex and at the west sanctuary entrance.

* DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT) - Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

ANTHEM

Broken and Spilled Out

Bruce Greer

One day a plain village woman
Driven by love for her Lord
Recklessly poured out a valuable essence,
Disregarding the scorn.
And once it was broken and spilled out
A fragrance filled all the room
Like a pris'ner released from his shackles,
Like a spirit set free from the tomb.

Broken and spilled out just for love of You, Jesus.
My own precious treasure lavished on Thee.
Broken and spilled out and poured at Your feet.
In sweet abandon let me be spilled out and used up for Thee.

Lord, You were God's precious treasure,
His loved and His own perfect Son.
Sent here to show me the love of the Father;
Yes, just for love it was done!
And though You were perfect and holy,
You gave up Yourself willingly.
And You spared no expense for my pardon,
You were spilled out and wasted for me!

Broken and spilled out just for love of me, Jesus.
God's most precious treasure lavished on me.
Broken and spilled out and poured at my feet.
In sweet abandon, Lord, You were spilled out and used up for me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 130, NRSV

SERMON

Point Out in Me
Notes at <http://bible.com/events/49051433>

* HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

No. 530

Are Ye Able

BEACON HILL

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE

Lead On, O King Eternal

Diane Bish

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning where're Your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest: Lead on, O God of might.
Lead on!

POSTLUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus

Johannes Brahms

* Please stand as you are able.

The altar flowers this morning are given by Lea Ann Newquist.

Nursery is available at both services in Room 103.

Listening enhancement devices and large print hymnals are available.
The ushers will be happy to provide them to you.

LEADERS OF WORSHIP IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Liturgists:

Jeanne Badgett, Children's Message
Tara Buckles

Musicians:

Carol Cooper, Downtown Pastor
Choral Scholars (8:30)
Chancel Choir (11:00)
Glenna Metcalfe, Associate Director of Music/Organist
Brock Terry, Director of Music

Preacher:

Todd Nelson, Senior Pastor

It is truly an honor to welcome you to the Downtown Community of First United Methodist Church. Whether this is your first (or hundredth) time in this church or first time in any church our hope is that you feel welcomed right where you are. Jesus doesn't ask us to come completely prepared to meet with him, just to come, and so all are welcome right where they are. As Wesleyans we believe in Prevenient Grace—the grace that comes even before we're aware of it—and it is in that grace that we come and our hearts are prepared to be transformed by the deep love of God. As you worship and as you're ready to take next steps in your faith, our pastoral team is ready to help. Stop one of us after worship or email us and we can set up a time to talk. We are here to help you grow in your faith and discipleship. We are here for you.

In Hope,



Carol Cooper, Downtown Pastor

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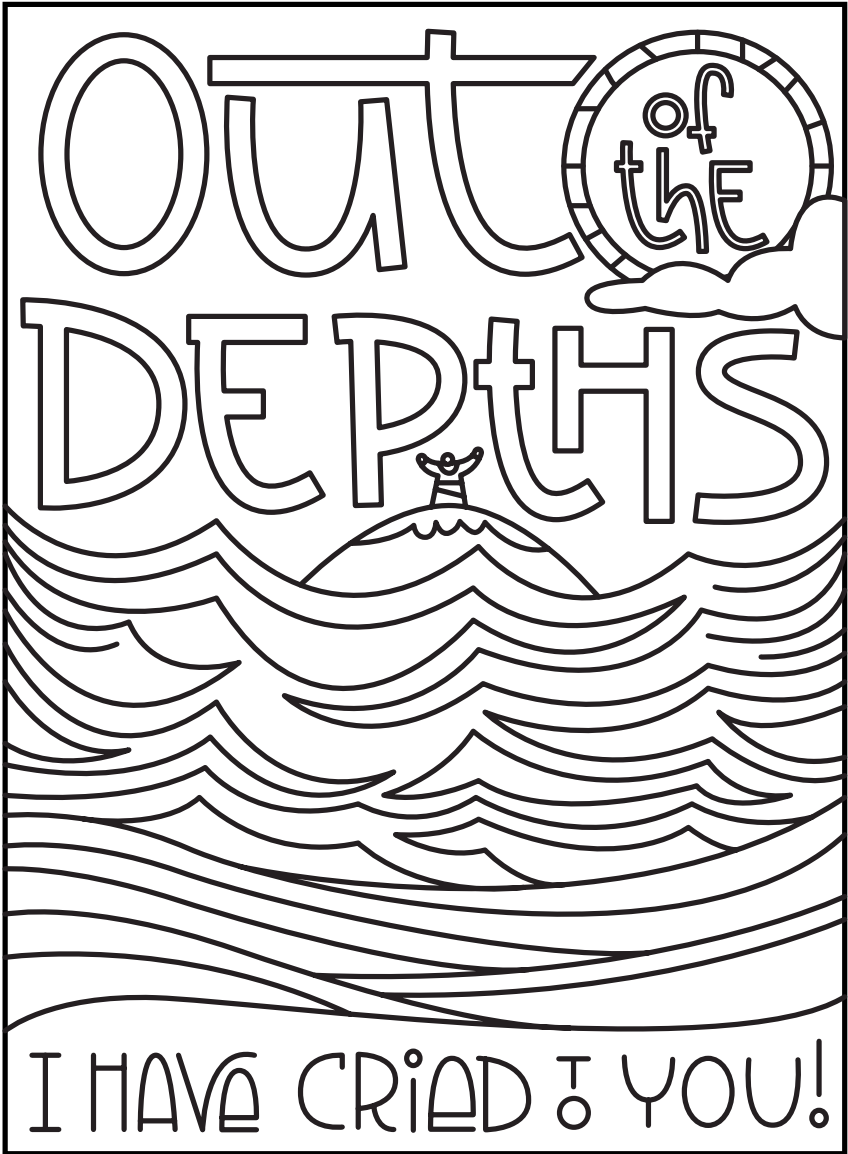
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, John 11:1-45.





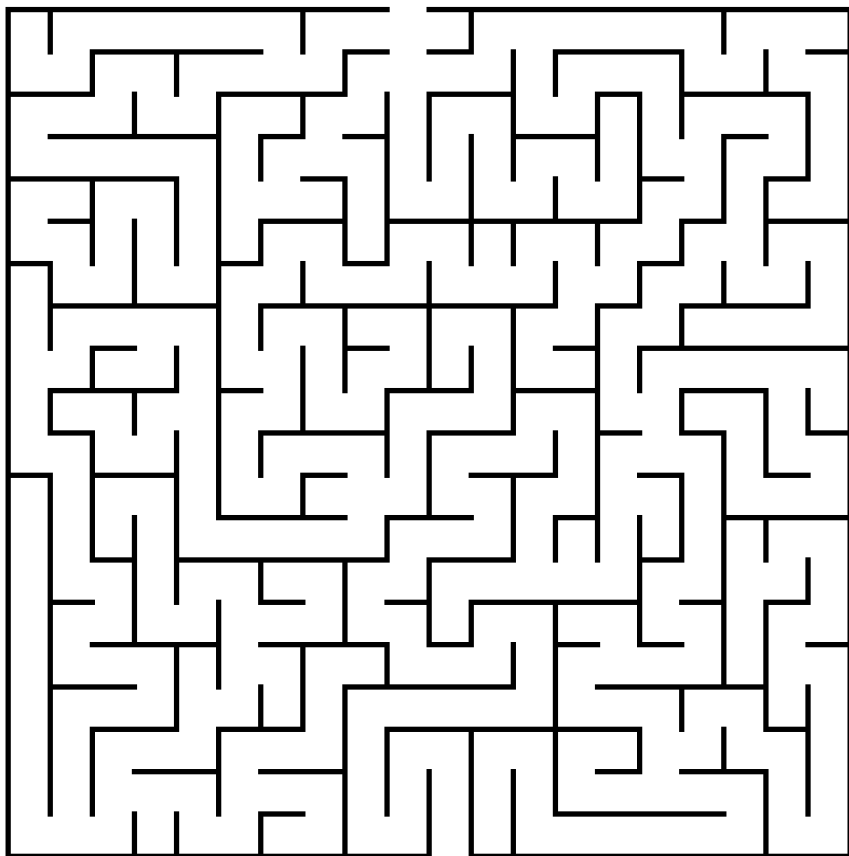
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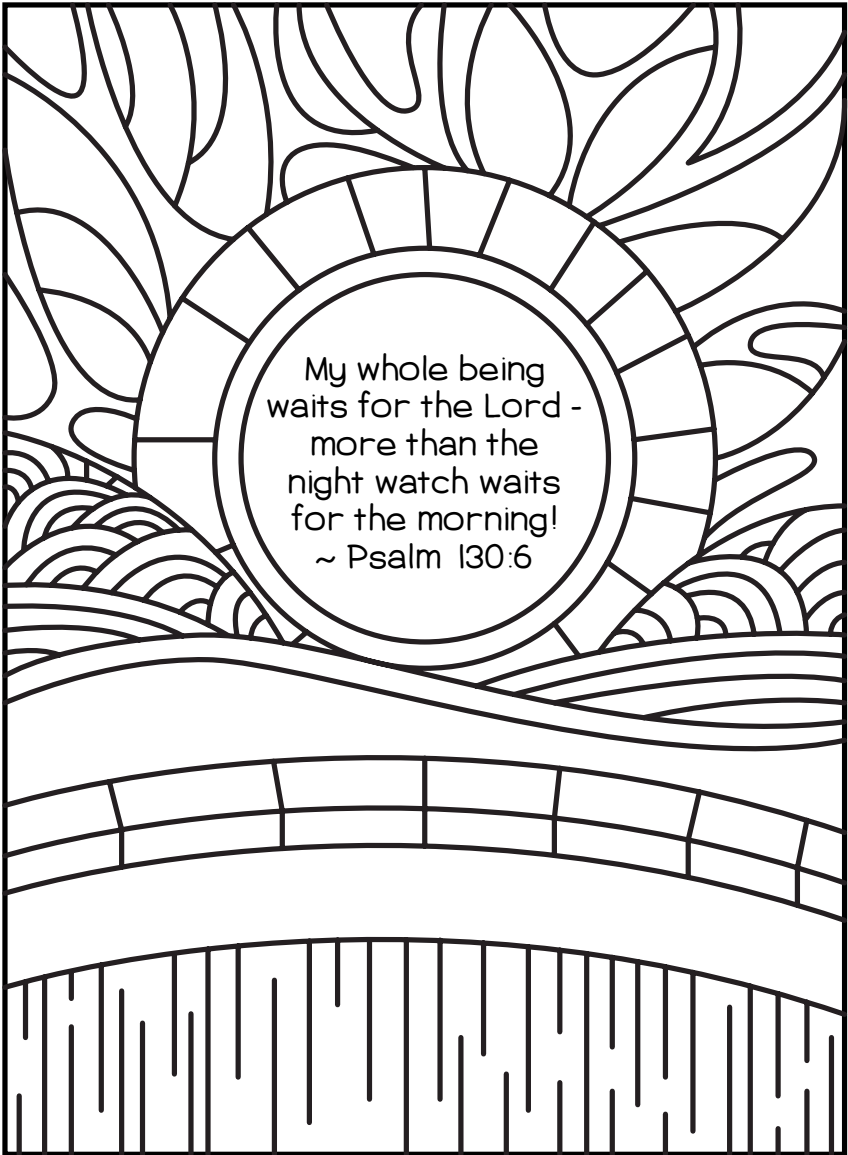
Jesus does an amazing miracle - he brings his friend, Lazarus, back to life. In the first box, draw what the scene looked like while Lazarus was still behind the stone, and everyone is grieving and sad. In the second box, draw what you imagined the scene looked like when Jesus called to Lazarus and he came back to life.

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing the scene of Lazarus being behind the stone.A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing the scene of Jesus calling Lazarus back to life.

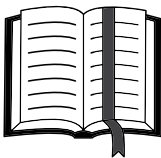
SOLVE (the) MAZE

Help God's voice find the valley of dry bones. What happens when God's voice meets the bones?





My whole being
waits for the Lord -
more than the
night watch waits
for the morning!
~ Psalm 130:6



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