

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

Hymn Sing

Welcome, Announcements and Passing the Peace

Call to Worship (from Psalm 130)

L: We worship and adore you, O God, we stand in awe of your great mercy.

P: O, how I yearned to hear the promise of your forgiveness with a longing as great as a watcher in the night waits for the dawn.

L: O that all people would put their trust in you, O God, and experience your steadfast love and forgiveness.

ALL: We worship and adore you, O God, we stand in awe of your great mercy. Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Page 139

Opening Prayer

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession (from John 11 and Ezekiel 37)

L: Gracious and life-giving God, we come before you confessing that we do not always trust in your power to bring life where there is death.

P: Like Martha and Mary, we sometimes believe that hope has come too late.

L: We see the stones in front of the tombs of our lives and assume nothing can change.

P: Lord, we confess that at times our faith feels dry and lifeless—like bones scattered in a valley.

L: We grow weary, discouraged, and doubtful of your promises. We hold on to fear instead of trusting in your resurrection power.

P: Forgive us when we limit what you can do. Forgive us when we lose hope.

L: Forgive us when we forget that you are the God who calls the dead to life and breathes your Spirit into dry bones.

P: Roll away the stones from our hearts.

L: Speak your life-giving word into the places within us that feel buried or forgotten.

ALL: Breathe your Spirit upon us again, that we may rise with renewed faith, hope, and love. Through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, we pray.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness. (From John and Ezekiel 37)

L: Hear the good news: Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.” In Christ, God rolls away the stones that trap us in sin and breathes new life into what was once dry and lifeless. The God who brought life to the valley of dry bones is the same God who raises us to new life through grace.

P: Through Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, our hearts are renewed, and we are made alive by the Spirit.

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

Running for a Cause: Diane Huban

Offering

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*Hymn “I’m So Glad” Page 2151

Scripture Ezekiel 37: 1-14 John 11: 38-44

Sermon: *The God Who Brings Life!*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn “Hymn of Promise” Page 707

Benediction

Lay Readers

8:30 am *Patty Morell*

10:00 am *Linda Fermino*

Coffee Hour

Sharlene Moran

Lisa Kerkorian

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Mount St. Helens

Join us for coffee hour after the service each Sunday. If this is your first time with us, please fill out the registration pad in the pew. Reminder: We want to get to know each other. If you see someone you don't know, greet them and introduce yourself.

Church Happenings

Easter Services: 6:30 am at Joshuas Pond

8:30 am and 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday April 2, 7:00 pm

Men's Fellowship Group every Tuesday 10 am – 11 am.

Bible Study on Thursdays at 10 am. All are Welcome!

Please support Diane Huban in her mission to run the Boston Marathon on behalf of FamilyAid.

Needed: Plastic Easter eggs for our Egg Hunt to be held after church Easter Sunday. Wrapped candy to put inside the egg is also needed. Drop in the box outside Heather's office by 5 PM 3/29.

"Wheels for Zeb" There is a calendar by the office to sign up to give Zeb Olsen a ride to church on Sunday mornings. He lives at 1 Buckskin Path in Centerville and comes to the 10:00 am service. Barry Jones Henry is at Brookdale and would also love a ride to the 10 am service.

Book of Acts Lenten Bible Study continuing on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. You may join the session through Zoom . ID 89449810587 Password 754974.

Lend a Hand is looking for more volunteers. We meet every Monday morning at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Teen Challenge today at 5:30 pm.

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Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"- John 11: 25-26

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Music Today
Janet Leahy & Brian Morris