

White Memorial Presbyterian Church-Willow Spring, NC

The Service for the Lord's Day

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color – Purple

March 29, 2020

10:30 AM

The Church Gathers

Prayer for Preparation

O God, I know that you are the Lord, for you gave me my life, and caused me to rise this day. Put your Spirit within me, and let my words and actions help others to know that you are my Lord and my God. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Ezek. 37:3; Ps. 130:7

One: O mortal, can these bones live?

All: **Only the Lord God knows.**

One: O people, hope in the Lord.

All: **With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.**

Opening Hymn:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Prayer of Adoration

John 11:1–45

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Rom. 8:6, 10

Prayer of Confession

Ps. 130:3, 4–5, 8; John 4:5–42

All: **O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen. (Please observe a moment of silent confession).**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Ezek. 37:4; Rom 8:10-11

One: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

A Time with Young Disciples

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Ps. 130:5; Rom. 8:6

All: O Lord, we wait for you, and in your Word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Glimpses of Easter"

Rev. Ed Johnson

Responding to the Faith

Affirmation of Faith:

Apostles' Creed

All: 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Response

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

One: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.

All: Lord, hear our voices and be attentive to our prayers.

One: We pray for those whose hope is lost, who feel dried up and cut off from you.

All: By your grace, open their graves; bring them back to the land of the living.

One: We pray for those who are oppressed, held captive by the power of death.

All: Release them from their chains; unbind them and let them go!

One: We pray for those who weep, lost and lifeless in fear and regret.

All: Grant them the peace of your presence; show them what your love can do.

One: We pray for those who are dying, the light of life fading in their eyes.

All: Help them to believe in you so that they may live and never die.

One: We thank you, O Lord, for having heard our prayers.

All: Enable us to trust in you, and thus to see your glory; through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life.

One: We pray O God, as we ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray when gathered together, **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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Reception of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Ezek. 37:9; John 11:43

Prayer of Dedication

Ezek. 37:11-14

Going Out in God's Name

Hymn of Commitment

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Prayer Concerns: Pam Denning; Forest Johnson; Ted and Linda Penny and her sister, Lil; family of Michelle Hare; Krista Stuttgart; Mann Johnson; Gladys Turner; Judy Johnson; Jack Reid; Frances Underwood; Paula Alford; Ann Garrett; Troy Byrd; Larry Bell; Angela Byrd; Agustin Diaz (Arnulfo's grandfather); Judy Morris; Don Wright; Connie Montgomery; Kaylan King; Ron McMenamen; Ken Bianco; Jenn Baudoux;

Presbyterian mission and Presbyterian disaster Workers; Cindy Correl, Suzette Goss-Geffrard, Mark Hare

Those serving in our military; Joey Dobyns, (Ft. Campbell, KY); Matthew Dunn, (Korea); Cortney Jones, (Ft. Meade, MD); Parker Bough, (Okinawa); 82nd Airborne Division, (Kuwait); Dalton Hayes, (Mexico)

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White Memorial Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:

Remembering God's Grace, the mission of
White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Willow Spring is:
Come to be joyous and thoughtful in worship;
Walk with God's guidance into deeper faith and knowledge;
Stretch out to the needy with tangible acts of service;
Be loving and generous with time, talents and treasures;
Go out into the world to welcome and invite.