

ROCK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
*THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY*  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
*March 29, 2020*

**Gathering**

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Holy, Holy, Holy"

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy"

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.**  
**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,**  
**Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**  
**Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,**  
**Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.**  
**Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Reginald Heber, 1827 Public Domain

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 130

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.**

Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and great power to redeem.

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits;**

**and in the word of the Lord, I hope.**

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You called us to life in the Spirit, yet we seek to satisfy the flesh. We call you gracious, yet we practice greed. We praise you with our lips, O God, yet we do not honor you in our lives. Discontent consumes us as we yearn for still more things. We know that to live by your grace promises inheritance of new life. Redeem our enslavement to corruptible desires, that we may be worthy to be called righteous in Christ.**

*A time for personal confession* - Let All God's people say: **Amen**

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

### RESPONDING WITH SONG

**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.**

## *Listening to the Word*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### EPISTLE

Romans 8:1-11 (NRSV)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because

of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

“Spirit of the Living God”

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 37:1 – 14 (NRSV)

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. 2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” 4 Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath [a] to enter you, and you shall live. 6 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.” 7 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. 8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. 9 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.” 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11 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.’ 12 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. 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 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.**

SERMON

“Dem Bones”

Jim Musgrave

## ***Responding to God***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living 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**

HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

Charles Wesley, 1747 Public Domain

PASTORAL PRAYER/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## ***Going Forth to Serve***

INVITATION

HYMN

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

**Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**

Edwin Hatch, 1878 Public Domain

WORDS OF DISMISSAL

The blessing of the holy, triune God – who was and is and is to come – first and last, beginning and end, Alpha and Omega – be with you now and always. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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## ***Church Notes***

FLOWERS FOR EASTER has been cancelled due to current circumstances and uncertainty of our being together for worship. Any orders already received will be refunded.

HEART AND HAND is requesting food pantry needs of macaroni and cheese, Ramen noodles, chunky soup, cereal, and granola bars.

### MEMBERS WISHING TO BLESS RLPC'S MINISTRY FINANCIALLY

With the fact that we are not coming together for worship, many of you who have generously given to the ministry of RLPC may want to continue your gifts to the church. Please drop your gift by the office or send it by mail. A prayer of dedication will be included in the Prayers of the People. Thank you for your support of our missions.

### RLPC ACTIVITIES

Until such time as the emergency is resolved, the Session has indicated that all church gathering activities **except** the snack packs will be cancelled.

## ***Prayer List***

*To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,  
please call the church office (768-4141) or email rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com*

### Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Hilda Alsop's 94 year old	Merrily Bailey	Day Bishop
Aunt Ocie and daughter,	Niall Bailey	Barb Clark
Bonnie	Sgt. Major Jeff Bibb	Dick Clark

Jo Clark  
Sue DeWald  
Lee Ann Goff  
Brad Harkins  
Addilyn Hardin  
Tre' Hardin  
Willie Haynes  
Jim Johnson  
Mark King  
Cheryl Laws  
Cheryl Morgan  
Abby Pauley

Jackie Pauley  
Ruth Pritchard  
Joy Ratcliff  
Sarah Shaver  
Mike Spurgeon  
Susan Spurgeon  
Bill Wagner  
Ella Grace Washington

Family of Carless Williams  
on the occasion of his death.

Family of Sergeant First  
Class Harold Witzke, killed  
in action on February 27,  
1991, in the State of Kuwait  
Family of "G" Casto on the  
occasion of her death.

Family of Madeline Phillips  
on the occasion of her death  
(Rob Hunt's aunt).

Prayers for our nation and our world through this time of uncertainty due to the Corona virus outbreak. 40,000 deaths a year from gun violence; global climate change; those who are struggling with the aftermath of natural disasters; all those who have lost someone to a drug overdose; all who struggle physically, spiritually, emotionally, financially or in their relationships; freedom and peace throughout the world; refugees and refugee families; all those whose lives are affected by violence wherever it occurs; Friends of Bluestone Camp and conference center's financial challenge.

### **Prayers for our Military**

Brett Baker  
Jeff Barker

Brent Bishop  
Steve Cash

Evan Chaney

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

**Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers** - Cliff Asbury, Kanawha Place; Betty Berry, Edgewood Summit; Sam Ford, Charleston Transitional Care/Eastbrook; Barbara Shriver, Sweetbriar

**Prayers for those at home** - Reva Asbury, Jeanette Bates, Anne Copper, Bonnie Cheely, Anita McCormick, Anita Wehrmann

**Prayer List for Churches** -Bramwell Presbyterian Church; Clear Creek Presbyterian Church; Gilbert Presbyterian Church; Kihora Church (Kay HOR'Rah); Glakanja Parish (Gle-uh-KAH'juh)

### ***Nurture Time***

**March 29: Read John 11:1-45 Questions:** When Jesus delays, he is essentially refusing to heal Lazarus immediately. When has God not answered one of your prayers? Garth Brooks sings, "Some of God's greats gifts are unanswered prayers". Is that true? What's the deeper prayer Jesus is answering here?

