

**WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*March 29, 2020 Eleven o'clock in the morning*

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*Whoever YOU are and wherever YOU are on life's journey,  
YOU are welcome here in this church!*

PRELUDE *Aria*

Emma Lou Diemer

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

One: We gather as a people of second chances.

**ALL: In this time of pandemic we gather as a people scattered.**

One: Yet we know that wherever we may be, God is.

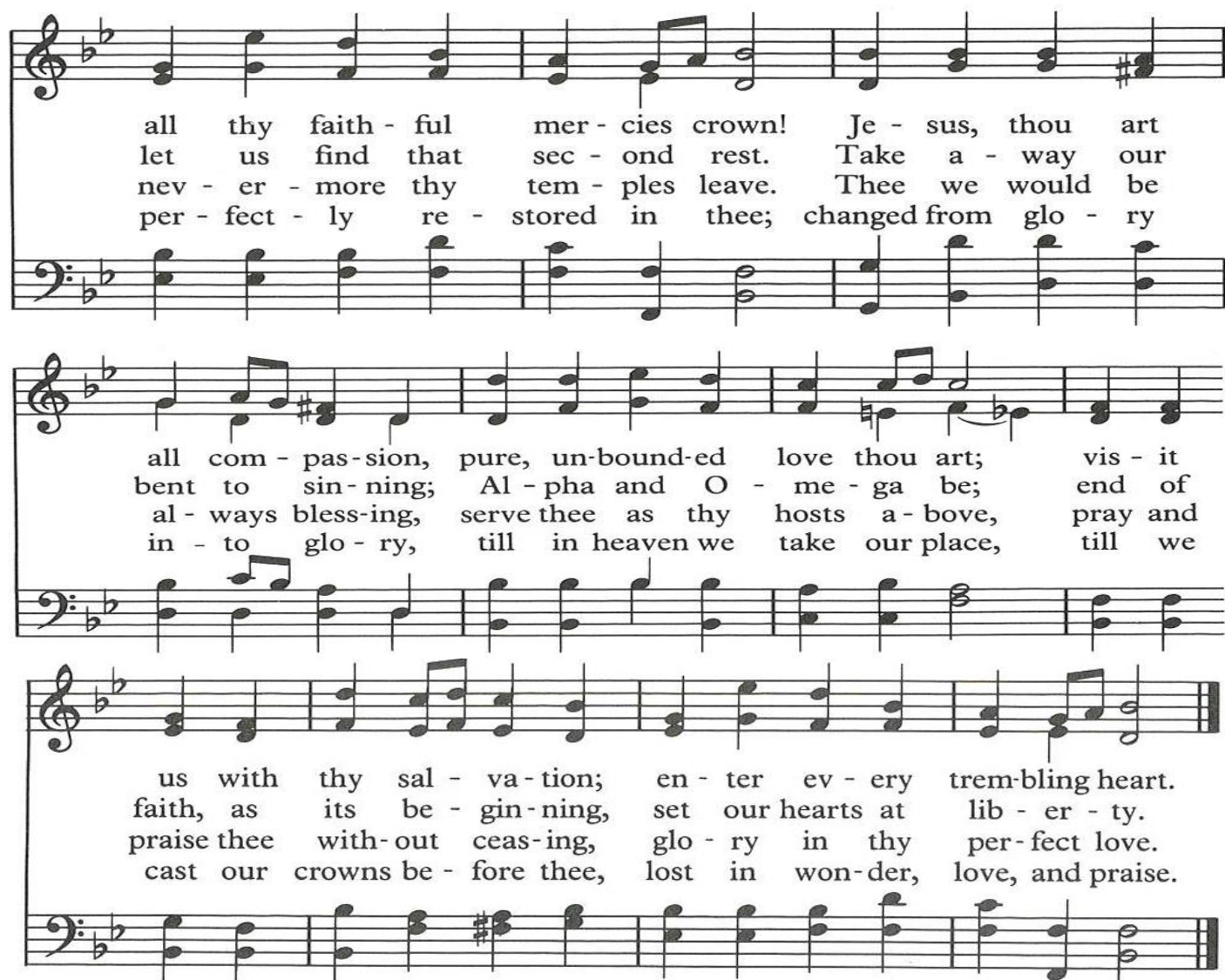
**ALL: Our bones are tired and weary and yes, dry!**

One: Breathe your Spirit upon us, we pray as we gather to worship and  
praise your holy name.

†HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;  
trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,  
let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion



all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art  
let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our  
nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be  
per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry

all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it  
bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of  
al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and  
in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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### †PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** O God, we must confess that as we look at all that is happening around us, in this time of pandemic and isolation we worry and we wonder and we fear. We worry that things won't get better, we wonder at when, if at all, things will return to normal and we are afraid that it will never be normal again. Forgive us, O God, remind us to breathe in your Spirit. Remind us that even when we can't see, even when we can't feel, you are here with us. Fill our hearts with courage and with faith that we might trust in a future that we yet cannot see. Amen.

†SILENT CONFESSION *(30 seconds of silence is observed for silent confession)*

†KYRIE *O Tender God Have Mercy*

O ten - der God, have mer - cy, for you are for us.

O liv - ing Christ, have mer - cy, for you will heal us.

O ten - der God, have mer - cy, for you are for us,

for you are for us.

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†OUR ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

†THE GLORIA PATRI *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -

joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

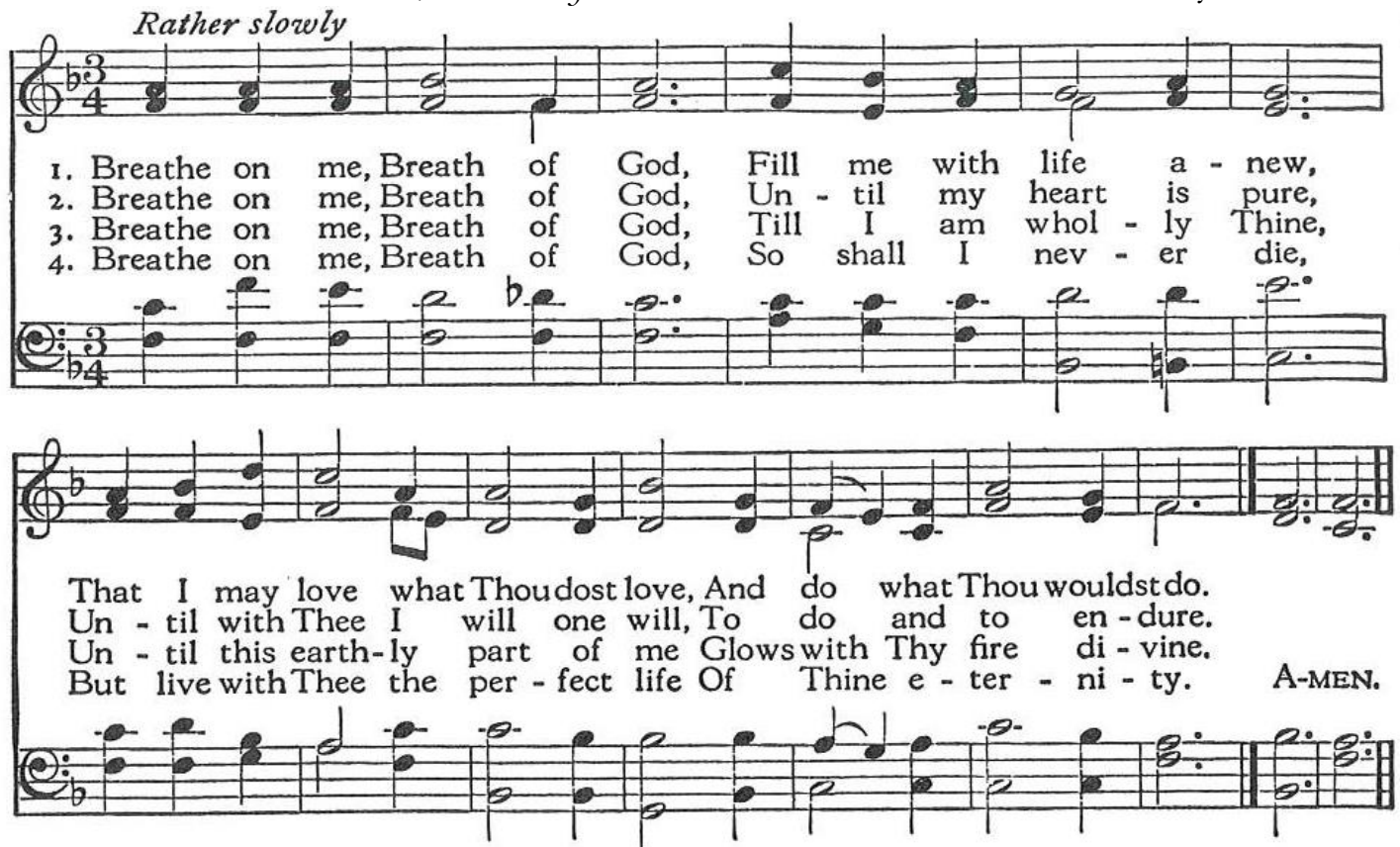
voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

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†HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Red Hymnal No. 191

*Rather slowly*



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,  
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,  
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly Thine,  
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,  
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.  
Un - til with Thee I will one will, To do and to en - dure.  
Un - til this earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.  
But live with Thee the per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty. A-MEN.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

John 11:1-53

SPECIAL MUSIC *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J. S. Bach

GOSPEL LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

One: This is the word of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Breathe”

*Rev. Carol Hallman*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: May the Spirit of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**


One: Let us pray.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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.

## PRAYER RESPONSE *Open Unto Me Light for My Darkness*



O - pen un - to me light for my dark-ness. Light for my dark - ness  
O - pen un - to me strength for my weak-ness. Strength for my weak - ness  
O - pen un - to me peace for my tur - moil. Peace for my tur - moil

o - pen un - to me. O - pen un - to me light for my dark - ness.  
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O - pen un - to me, O God.  
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## OFFERTORY

## *Ode to Joy*

Michael Higgins



# †HYMN *O Spirit of the Living God*

Red Hymnal No. 191

*Not too slowly*

1. O Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Thou Light and Fire Di - vine:  
 2. Blow, Wind of God! With wis - dom blow Un - til our minds are free  
 3. Teach us to ut - ter liv - ing words Of truth which all may hear,  
 4. So shall we know the power of Him Who came man - kind to save;

De - scend up - on Thy Church once more And make it tru - ly Thine!  
 From mists of er - ror, clouds of doubt, Which blind our eyes to Thee!  
 The lan - guage all men un - der - stand When love speaks, loud and clear;  
 So shall we rise with Him to life Which soars be - yond the grave;

Fill it with love and joy and power, With right - eous - ness and peace,  
 Burn, Wing - ed Fire! In - spire our lips With flam - ing love and zeal,  
 Till ev - ery age and race and clime Shall blend their creeds in one,  
 And earth shall win true ho - li - ness, Which makes Thy chil - dren whole,

Till Christ shall dwell in hu - man hearts, And sin and sor - row cease.  
 To preach to all Thy great Good News, God's glo - rious Com - mon - weal!  
 And earth shall form one broth - er - hood By whom Thy will is done.  
 Till, per - fect - ed by Thee, we reach Cre - a - tion's glo - rious goal! A - MEN.

## †THE BENEDICTION

## †POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in D Major*

Charles Callahan

**Assisting in Worship**

***Rev. Carol Hallman***, Resident Pastor

***Dr. Phillip Burgess***, Choir Director    ***Susan Trivette***, Organist

***Kim Profitt, Mark Schiemann, Jeff Smith***

**Flowers on the Altar Today are Given to the Glory of God**

**Attendance**

Sunday, March 22, 2020

284 Views

200 Engagements

Reached 390 people

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Javis Arey, Mary Austin, Mabel Barnhardt, family of Linda Bolick (who passed away on Wednesday), Betty Bowles (mother of Steve Bowles), Julia Callaway, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Marie Cuthrell, Sarah Hall (friend of Bobbie Troutman), Gary Hauze (no visits or phone calls, please), Harry & Nancy Hipp, Johnnie Lippard (friend of Steve Bowles), Dan Morgan (friend of Steve Bowles), Robert Morgan, Jimmy Mullis (friend of Daniel Artz), Joseph Najarian (son of Dena & David Najarian), Pat Norris, Roger & Betty Olson (Kim Profitt's parents), Eleanor Peeler, Paul & Glenda Shrewsbury, Sarah Shuping, Claire Skinner, Crystal Smith (niece of Bobbie Troutman), Nick Snipes, Janette Yost. ***If you know of anyone who should be added or deleted from our prayer list, be sure and let the office know. If you have prayer concerns, please text, call or email Pastor Carol***

A reminder that as we are only meeting online, please don't forget to drop your offering in the mail (207 W. Horah Street, Salisbury, 28144). We continue to need your gifts even when you are not here in person.

A ***One Great Hour of Sharing*** offering will be received through the end of this month. Please make a note on your checks that it is for OGHS. You may go to the website [www.ucc.org/oghs\\_resources](http://www.ucc.org/oghs_resources) to learn more about what OGHS does. It is one of our 5 for 5 offerings.

The ***Mission Committee*** will be collecting articles for the Family Crisis Council during the month of March.

***Church Council has cancelled all activities, gatherings and meetings through April 5. That means that we are cancelling the breakfast and the Easter Egg Hunt as well as our last Lenten Sunday Supper. Meetings will be held by conference call.***