

Order of Worship for March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Hybrid Worship



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We Approach God

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Votum, Sentences, and Salutation

Prelude: “The Quiet Journey” by Thomas Keesecker

Trish Waters, pianist

Call to Worship (responsive) ☩

One: Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

All: Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?

One: Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

All: Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?

One: If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God’s house.

All: Hope lives here.

One: So, come. Rest your weary bones.

All: Let us worship Holy God.

*Gathering Hymn: “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” (#314)

Invitation to Confession ☩

Prayer of Confession (unison) ☩

Jesus of Nazareth, I confess: I forget that you know this feeling. I forget that you, too, have wept. I forget that you, too, have lost. I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb, have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity. Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you. Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining that you could never feel what I feel. Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of space between us. Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart. Bring these bones back to life. Bring me closer to you. With gratitude I pray, amen.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie (#572):

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance ☩

Summary of the Law of Love

*Gloria Patri (#579):

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.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination ☩

Scripture Lessons

Ezekiel 37:1-14

John 11:1-45

Children's Message

Sermon: "Can These Bones Live?"

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Affirmation: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (#316)

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to the Offering

Offerings may be made virtually in three ways:

- Electronic transfer using Zelle to frc1850@aol.com
- Online giving at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1289239>
- Checks made out to First Reformed Church may be mailed to 18 Farragut Ave., Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706

Offertory: "Christ Be Our Seed" by Carl Schalk

Trish Waters, pianist

*Doxology (#592):

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

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our time of prayer concludes with 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 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.**

*Closing Hymn: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” (#280)

*Blessing and Benediction

Those attending in person are invited to the Fraser Room for a time of fellowship and refreshments. Those attending via Zoom are invited to unmute for “virtual coffee hour.”

*Congregants in the sanctuary are invited to rise

Bold text is read in unison

✠ Liturgy by Rev. Sarah Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Announcements

Consistory Meeting Today: Consistory will meet via Zoom at 12pm today.

Piano Recital Today: First Reformed Church is hosting a piano recital on Sunday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m. The program consists of music by Domenico Scarlatti and will be performed by FRC's pianist, Trish Waters. A suggested donation of \$20 per person; \$10 seniors; and \$30 per family and will benefit two organizations: Turkish Philanthropy Funds for earthquake relief in Turkey, and Nova Ukraine which provides humanitarian aid during the ongoing war.

Lenten Suppers: During five Lenten Wednesdays in March, we will be partnering with Rev. Emily Brown and our neighbors at Greenville Community Church for a series of simple Lenten potluck suppers. Each will include a spiritual component and fellowship. Our next supper will be this Wednesday, March 29, at 7pm at Greenville Community Church. The potluck contribution sign-up link is <https://tinyurl.com/2p8ppkyy>.

Holy Week Worship Services: In addition to Sunday worship on Palm Sunday (April 2) and Easter Sunday (April 9), we will offer Holy Week services as follows:

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, 7pm, April 6: This is a simple, meaningful, reflective service with communion and scripture readings. We gather around candlelit tables to remember Jesus' last supper, and as the service continues, extinguish the candles one by one until we enter the darkness of Good Friday.

Good Friday Service of Silence & Sorrow, 7pm, April 7: In places of sorrow, lament, and grief we meet God differently. In our culture of conflict avoidance, we too often rush through these moments, touching down as lightly as possible as we reach out for the new life offered on Easter Sunday. In doing so, we miss an opportunity to experience God sitting with us in our sorrow. With this in mind, this service is a space to gather around the cross in silence and in sorrow. To be present to the suffering of Jesus, and to know the presence of God in the sorrows of our lives and the world.

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song 314

BRIDEGROOM 8.7.8.7.6

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

Peter Cutts, 1969

1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, Like the chal - lenge of her
 2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, To the branch - es of the
 3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, With the cease - less voice of

flight, Like the vig - or of the wind's rush, Like the
 Vine, To the church in faith as - sem - bled, To her
 prayer, With the power to love and wit - ness, With the

new flame's ea - ger might:
 midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare:

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Edwin Hatch, 1886

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Robert Jackson, 1894

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.*

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a simple, hymn-like melody with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with the four parts corresponding to the numbered verses. The final line of the score includes a repeat sign and an asterisk, indicating a repeat of the first stanza.

*Repeat stanza 1.

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Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

LONESOME VALLEY 8.8.10.8

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1. Je - sus walked this lone-some val - ley, He had to
2. We must walk this lone-some val - ley, We have to
3. You must go and stand your tri - al, You have to

walk it by Him - self; O, no-bod-y else could walk it
walk it by our - selves; O, no-bod-y else can walk it
stand it by your - self, O, no-bod-y else can stand it

for Him, He had to walk it by Him - self.
for us, We have to walk it by our - selves.
for you, You have to stand it by your - self.