

Dear All,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This coming Sunday, March 22, is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. We will continue lifting our eyes up to the mountains whence our help comes. This Sunday that help will come through our exploration of one of the most powerful stories of love in all the scriptures, the story of Jesus's love for Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Jesus encountered the sisters in the midst of profound grief for their brother, and Jesus experienced the complicated grief of losing his beloved Lazarus and encountering Martha and Mary's loss. In preparation for Sunday, I invite you to reflect on your own journeys of grief. How did you feel God's presence in the midst of your grief? What does it mean to you to know that Jesus knows grief firsthand?

We will continue our practice of hybrid worship. This means that you are welcome to join us in person and that you are welcome to join us from home, whatever works best for you. If you are able to access technology for online worship, we will be live streaming the service via Youtube and Facebook.

For Youtube Live, please go to our channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9\\_YWEusCQ/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPh2zjtSFxk2uo9_YWEusCQ/), subscribe to it, and enable notifications. The live video should be up and running just before the service starts. If you watch later, click on our channel and then select "Live" videos. You can also watch afterward on our website at: <https://fpchighland.org/worship>.

For Facebook Live, please go to our page here: <https://www.facebook.com/firstpchighland/> around the start of worship. A recording of the service will remain on our Facebook page if you want to watch later.

As always, I have included worship materials, including the bulletin, readings, hymns, a sermon, and creative activities for disciples of all ages.

I leave you with these words from *John*:

***Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."***

In Christ and with Love,

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