

Unbind Him by Hannah Garrity

WORSHIP SERVICE

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

*Hymns used in worship during the season of Lent contain new lyrics
by 'A Sanctified Art' corresponding to Sunday worship themes..
They are set to familiar hymn tunes for ease of singing.*

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able.)*

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Allegretto in G Minor

Martini

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

We Seek You with Our Questions, O God (v.2)
KINGSFOLD 8.6.8.6 D (*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*)

***We wonder why things come to pass
and how to come alive.***

Where do your living waters flow?

How can dry bones revive?

***Who are you, God, who meet us here
with wisdom and with sign?***

***We seek you with our questions, God,
we yearn for truth divine.***

***Call to Worship**

O mortal, can these bones live?

Only the Lord God knows.

O people, hope in the Lord.

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

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.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

**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.**

Silent Confession

***Kyrie**

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

Arr. Johnson

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a melodic line for the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.'. The second staff continues the melody with 'Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.'. The third staff concludes with 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.'. The music features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

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***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response**

Let Us Return to the Lord

Come, let us re - turn to the Lord.
You who are torn, God will heal you; you who are
crushed, God will bind you up.

The musical score consists of three staves of music in B-flat major and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a melodic line for the lyrics 'Come, let us re - turn to the Lord.'. The second staff continues the melody with 'You who are torn, God will heal you; you who are'. The third staff concludes with 'crushed, God will bind you up.'. The music features a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Peggy Viser

Scripture Reading Psalm 130

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Message *Seeking: Can These Bones Live?*

Alan Bancroft and Sarah Derifaj

*Hymn

Can These Bones Live?

Strickland/Goss

LAUDA ANIMA (*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*)

When the past is dead and bu - ried
When our hearts are bowed in sor - row
When our spi - rits feel so bro - ken

Life - less in the bar - ren ground What good
And the grief is new - ly wrought Cry - ing
Wrapped in lin - ens and en - tombed With - out

can e - merge from ash - es? Where can an - y
"If you'd hope and with - out been here" Weep - ing for what
and on - ly feel - ing As the storm clouds

(over)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains the first five lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the last five lines. The lyrics are: life be found? Breathe in deep the rush - ing; we have us lost loom Re - sur the rect our of hearts and; 'round us from Spi - rit Life is grow - ing all a - round; spi - rits Liv - ing out, God whom we ex - alt; Je - sus "Come out, be un - bound" and bloom.

Affirmation of Faith *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.
 Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
 whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
 fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
 preaching good news to the poor
 and release to the captives,
 teaching by word and deed
 and blessing the children,
 healing the sick
 and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts,
 forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified,
 suffering the depths of human pain
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

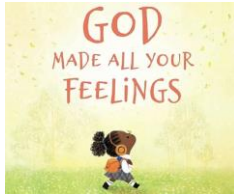
**God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Time with Our Children

Jen Pierce

Book: *God Made All Your Feelings* by Amanda Flinn



Responding

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Dry and Dusty Bones West Gulley/arr. Pethel
Chancel Choir

*God came to Ezekiel as he prayed one night alone,
And showed to him a valley full of dry and dusty bones.
"O son of man," he said to him, "Can these bones live again?"
Rocks and wings now claim the place where spirit once had been.*

*Ezekiel said to the Lord only you alone can know.
God said, "Go and preach my word and I can make it so."
He prophesied and as he did he heard a mighty sound.
Bones that once were cold and still got up and walked around.*

*Bones that once were drier than the barren desert sand
Brought to life by God's word spoken by the son of man.
Ezekiel saw power unlike any he had known.
God's word brought the life back to those dry and dusty bones.*

*We're walking down a road where even angels fear to tread –
A path of self-destruction filled with danger, fear, and dread.
Forgetting all about the Lord, content to go alone,
Living in a valley full of dry and dusty bones.*

*Our spirits now are drier than the barren desert sands;
Truth has been rejected for the words of mortal man.
We need to see revival like this world has never known.
God, please bring the life back to these dry and dusty bones.*

***Lenten Doxology**

Praise God through - out these for - ty days. Praise

The first line of musical notation is in G major and 3/2 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff with a melody of quarter notes and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment of chords. The lyrics are: "Praise God through - out these for - ty days. Praise".

Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spir - it who im -

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spir - it who im -".

parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.

The third line of musical notation concludes the doxology. The lyrics are: "parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.".

Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Sending

***Hymn**

Oh God, Who Gives Us Life (vv. 1-2)

No. 53

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
2 O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,
3 O God of cov- e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

Lenten Opportunities at Cary Presbyterian

During the season of Lent, our community of faith offers a variety of ways to pursue a deeper connection with God, others, and self. Worship and faith formation offerings are inspired by resources from the folks at *A Sanctified Art*, entitled ***Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith***. Along with various gatherings at CPC during Lent, we hope these at-home resources will be helpful as well.

Lenten Devotional (Online version at <https://tinyurl.com/266ddhay>)

This amazing resource contains scripture, commentary, poetry, visual art, and written reflections. Our Faith Formation Offerings offer weekly opportunities to join conversations at CPC about the content of this devotional.

Daily Devotional Cards

These simple and easy to use daily devotional cards include a reminder/affirmation for building a daily rhythm of prayer.

Seeking Spotify Playlist (Listen at <https://tinyurl.com/38c95k3k>)

This playlist, cultivated by *A Sanctified Art*, covers a wide range of genres, themes, and musical styles. May this serve as the soundtrack for your Lenten season.

Printed copies of the Lenten Devotional and Prayer Cards are available in the Narthex. Stay connected with the CPC App for devotionals, prayers, commentary, poetry, and art connected to the Seeking resources.



Dorcas and CPC *Be The Hands 2023* 'Adopt a Shelf' Program for March

Thanks for your support of Dorcas Food pantry.
The needs for March are cooking oil and sugar.
Any questions? Give me a call!
Audrey Sausman: 919-889-9121.

CPC is partnering with Dorcas Ministries in support of their 'Adopt a Shelf' program during 2023. This is an ongoing *Be The Hands* project.

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Website and Online Member Directory: www.carypresbyterian.org

Sunday, March 26 th Sunday of Lent	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	The Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall) Faith Formation Classes (All Ages) Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online ASP Training (Fellowship Hall) Lenten Reflections with Pastor Kim (Parlor)
Monday, March 27	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (FH Annex) Abigail Circle (Parlor) Cub Scout Pack 232 (FHF) Scout Troop 232G (Fellowship Hall) Youth and Fellowship (Zoom)
Tuesday, March 28	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Scout Troop 232 (Youth Area) CPC Softball (Brooks Park, Cary: Field 8)
Wednesday, March 29	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) Wednesday Night Virtual Class (Zoom)
Thursday, March 30	6:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Duke Health MBSR Group (Youth Area) Cary Mindfulness Group (Parlor) CPC Softball (Brooks Park, Cary: Field 8)
Friday, March 31	7:00 p.m.	Courage, Strength, & Hope (Library)
Saturday, April 1		
Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday	9:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	The Pastor's Class (Fellowship Hall) Faith Formation Classes (All Ages) Worship In-Person (Sanctuary) and Online Lenten Reflections with Pastor Kim (Parlor)



Camino de Santiago Help Wanted

This June, 15 members of the CPC faith community will walk 75 miles on the Camino de Santiago, an ancient pilgrimage route in northern Spain. More information will follow about how you can support this amazing pilgrimage journey. **For now, we could use some help with gear.** If you have a 40-60 liter hiking backpack or a hiking sleeping bag you're willing to share with one of our pilgrims, please e-mail Alan Bancroft at alan.bancroft@carypresbyterian.org ASAP.