

**Order of Worship**  
**Sunday, March 29, 2020**

**The Call to Worship (LEADER)**

O mortal, can these bones live? *Ezek. 37:3; Ps. 130:7*  
Only the Lord God knows.

O people, hope in the Lord.  
With the Lord there is steadfast love  
and great power to redeem.

**Song: The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnDW04mfDw8>

**Song: Great in Power** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSlwpUP4-HI>

**SCRIPTURE (Group member reads)**

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, *Ps. 130:3*  
who could live, who could stand?  
We seem to have more faith in death *John 4:5–42*  
than hope in your promise of life.

And even so, you love us; *Ps. 130:4–5, 8*  
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.

**Song: Deep Calls to Deep** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Z5j-yNoiGM>

**READING (Group Member)**

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! *Ezek. 37:4*  
If Jesus Christ dwells in you, *Rom 8:10–11*  
the Spirit of God will be your life  
and the grace of God will be your righteousness.  
And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you,  
then God, who raised Jesus from the dead,  
will also give life to your mortal bodies.  
Friends, this is the good news of the gospel:  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Song: Faithful** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VXo4M-ZcvvQ>

**READING (Group Member)**

O Lord, we wait for you, *Ps. 130:5; Rom. 8:6*  
and in your Word we trust.

By the power of your Spirit,  
set our hearts and minds  
on the source of life and peace:  
Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### **[REQUEST SPECIFIC PRAYER NEEDS FROM GROUP MEMBERS]**

#### **PRAYER (Worded by leader or a group member)**

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. *Ps. 130:1–2*  
Lord, hear our voices  
and be attentive to our prayers.

*[ Insert prayers here for the hurting, hopeless, ailing, lonely and oppressed; for those who have contracted the coronavirus and for those healthcare workers and first responders giving care; for our nation's and communities' leaders as they make difficult choices; for our congregation in this time of physical separation and for our elders and ministers and ministry leaders; for those of our congregation who have specific needs (mention specific requests); and for calm and peace for us all, knowing that God is in control. ]*

We thank you, O Lord, *John 11:40–41*  
for having heard our prayers.  
Enable us to trust in you,  
and thus to see your glory;  
through Jesus Christ,  
the resurrection and the life. Amen.

**Song:** Lord Take My Life <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYA0T3brlZw>

**READING:** John 11:1-45 (Leader or Group Member)

#### ***Questions and Thoughts on the Reading [Leader]***

Why did Jesus weep in John 11:35? Was it out of compassion for Mary and Martha? Out of love for his friend Lazarus? Out of frustration with the people's lack of understanding or faith? Think about someone in your life who is grieving. Find a way to extend to that person the grace and peace of Christ.

### **COMMUNION**

**Prayer / Partake of the Bread**

**Prayer / Partake of the Cup**

#### **Prayer:**

Without the breath of God, *Ezek. 37:9; John 11:43*  
we are dry bones,  
and without the Word of God,  
we are dust.  
With gratitude,

let us offer our lives  
to the Lord of all life.

**Reminder of our congregation's needs for servants in ministries  
and of its need for financial support**

**Song:** Come Share the Lord [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKg\\_Sr-8OaU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKg_Sr-8OaU)

**CLOSING BLESSING (Leader)**

May the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is the resurrection and the life,  
bless and keep you in this life  
and the life to come.

*John 11:25*