

First Presbyterian Church Kasson, MN
Pastor Dan Yeazel, Interim Pastor

April 2, 2017 Fifth Sunday of Lent 10:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

We Approach God

The service begins with the organ prelude which signals a time of silent meditation.

Announcements

Prelude

Choral Introit

***Call to Worship**

L: The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

P: **O God, you know!**

L: We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?

P: **O God, you know!**

L: The gift is sure and unmistakable:

P: **God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls!**

L: Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,

P: **And come to worship God in laughter and dancing!**

*Hymn No. 302 "I Danced in the Morning"

Prayer of Confession (in Unison)

Revitalizing God, your power goes far beyond our own, and yet still we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us. We give in to the despair and hopelessness of death, not trusting in your ability to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives. Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life in the midst of all the deaths we experience. Forgive us for wanting to limit you to "the last day" or "the world beyond this one", not trusting you to move and act among us, within us, through us. Forgive us, and open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst.

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri - Hymn No. 579

Responsive Reading Psalm 130

We are Inspired by God

Anthem Merciful God arr. by Craig Courtney

Choral Call to Prayer

Story Sermon

The Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Congregational Amen No. 570

We Respond to God

Call for Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication (in Unison)

Spirit of Life, we breathe our lives upon these gifts that they may be become a fertile plain of green life and strengthened hope for all who live in the valley of dry bones. May the wind of your love carry these gifts far beyond us to the places most in need of your compassionate grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Dedicate Ourselves to God

Scripture John 11:1-45 (NT pg. 127)
Ezekiel 37:1-14 (OT pg.987)

Hymn No. 2218 "You Are Mine"

Sermon "Dry Bones"

***Hymn No. 2158** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

*Benediction

***Dismissal Hymn No. 2241** (4th verse) "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

"Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name."

*Postlude

* Please stand as you are able

WELCOME VISITORS. Thank you for coming to worship with us. Please fill out the guest slip provided by the ushers and sign our guest book before you leave.

Sunday School, Communicants class at 8:45 am

Sunday Worship at 10:00 am

Fellowship at 11:00 am

Choir practice Wednesdays at 7:00 pm; always welcoming new voices! Our

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Ushers: Howard Gransee, Bob Tracy, Steve Springsted, Dick Wolff

Afternoon circle meets Thursday, April 6th at 2:00 pm.

Spring Clean-up is this Saturday, April 8th 9-12.

We will have another church rummage sale this fall so, start going through your items to set aside items. It would be greatly appreciated. Any questions contact Jennifer Mittelstadt.