

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN
March 29, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us from the valley of dry bones.

Come, listen for a word from our God,

We hear God calling us in a far distant voice.

We had nearly forgotten God's care for us.

The Spirit breathes life into our dry bones.

God offers hope when we have lost our way.

Our souls wait for the refreshment that God offers.

Our spirits are filled with great expectation.

Christ came as a light to all the world.

Christ comes among us today to light our way.

We hear the teacher calling for us.

Christ unbinds us that we may believe and see.

HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

*The God of Abraham praise, all praised be the Name,
Who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same.
The One Eternal God, ere all that now appears,
The First, the Last, beyond all thought through timeless years.*

*God has eternal life implanted in the soul.
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
Praise to the living God! All praised be the Name,
Who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Like the house of Israel in Ezekiel's time, we are cut off from communion with You, O Lord. We are like dead people, going through the motions of living. We cry out for forgiveness and a new start. We long to know You and to live in reverence before You. By Your steadfast love, redeem us from our iniquities, and raise us up to serve You, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI # 35

*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.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, Breath of God. Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

OFFERING SENTENCES

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn
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*DOXOLOGY (#46) & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring our gifts to You, O Lord, and offer them as a symbol of sacrifice and service. We seek to share the story of suffering love that fulfills and conquers death. Bless these gifts and all who give. Use our wealth, our time, and our abilities for the good of all Your people. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11

SERMON

“Living in an Age of Uncertainty”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*Our God, Our Help in Ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!*

*Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting, Thou art God, to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone.
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever rolling stream soon bears us all away.
We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God be with you till we meet again.

Loving counsels guide, uphold you,

With a shepherd's care enfold you.

God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet,

Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

TO THE KITCHEN FOR COFFEE!