



CELEBRATING THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 26, 2023

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Welcome & Announcements Stephanie Gilchrist

Welcome from the Pastor

Prelude Jo Murry

*Call to Worship (from Romans 14:7-9)

"We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord;

so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living"

As we worship together this morning, let us celebrate the eternal hope that is ours in Christ Jesus.

*Opening Prayer Stephanie Gilchrist

*Opening Song of Praise #837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

Call to Confession Stephanie Gilchrist

Responsive Prayer of Confession (taken from Psalm 130) Stephanie Gilchrist

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our cry.

If you should mark iniquities, who could stand?

Our sins have crippled us, bound us, buried us –

They cut us off from you, the one who is life itself.

But there is forgiveness with you.

With you is great power to redeem.

Breathe into us your breath, O God.

Breathe into us your Spirit.

Roll away the stone of our grave and call out to us,

that we may live in full knowledge of your power and steadfast love.

(A Time of Silent Prayers)

Assurance of Pardon Pastor Carl

Friends, believe and proclaim the glorious news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #581

Passing the *Peace of Christ*

Prayer for Illumination Stephanie Gilchrist (In Union)

O God, we wait for you, and in your Word we trust. By the power of your

Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

First Scripture Reading Psalm 130 Stephanie Gilchrist

1Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. 2Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! 3If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? 4But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. 5I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; 6my soul

waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. 7 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. 8 It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 8:6-11

Stephanie Gilchrist

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Read John 11:1-45

Pastor Carl

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." 5 Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, 6 after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. 7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." 8 The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" 9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. 10 But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." 11 After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." 12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." 13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. 15 For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But

let us go to him." 16 Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." 17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." 28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" 38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." 45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, 03/26— Fifth Sunday In Lent

9:45am—Fellowship Sunday School—Parlor
11am—Worship online & in-sanctuary Pastor Carl
Children Wee Worship
Noon—75th Anniversary Committee Meeting
Noon—4pm—Mother's Day Out
programs, games, light lunch and snacks

Monday, 03/27

10:30am—Monday Morning Prayer Group—Conference Room
6:30pm—Arkansas Scottish Dance Society—Steen Hall

Tues. 03/28

10am Book Club
6pm 50 Plus

Wednesday. 03/29

4:30pm—Bell Choir

Friday, 03/31

11:30am Ladies Foodies Group
7pm—AR Country Dance Society

Sunday, 04/02— Palm Sunday

9:45am—Fellowship Sunday School—Parlor
11am—Worship online & in-sanctuary Pastor Carl
Children Wee Worship
Noon—Cold cuts lunch in Steen Hall after worship service. (provided by the Lierly's)
1pm—Easter Egg Hunt (starting with under 6 years old; then 6 years and up)

PRAYER NOTES—

Recent: Lynn Burton; Willette Lollar; Wendel Phillips; LaVonne Smith

Continued prayers for: Patt Bond; Claire Caldwell; Ed Caldwell; Pat Clark; Donna Ellis; Jesse Macom-Teague;

Continued prayers for friends of the church: Charles & Darnell Clark; Constance Hughes; Amber Mize (Liz & Phil Terrell); Stephanie Phillips (Gail & Wendell Phillips' Daughter-In-Law); Elizabeth Pollard; Norma Smith

Prayers for those in home confinement: Ann Cother; Bunn Falls (Johnson County Health & Rehab, Clarksville); LeMoyne Jones (AR State Veterans Home); Willette Lollar (Presbyterian Village); Steve Pollard (VA Hospital); David Rennie; Ann Woods

Continued prayers for those in grief: For the anniversaries of all those who have passed.

*Please contact the church office if you need someone placed on or off of the prayer notes. Thank you.