

Worship Plan for Sunday, March 29, 2020
10 AM (One Worship Sunday Followed by Coffee Time - all on ZOOM)



GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRE-WORSHIP- *O Man, Bewail, Thy Grievous Fall* from Orgelbuchlein arr. by J.S. Bach

WELCOME

CONFESS AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed by the holy Trinity (+) one God,
who is present, who gives life,
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

All: Amen.

Gracious God, have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly.

We have wandered from your resurrection life.

We have strayed from your love for all people.

Turn us back to you, O God.

**Give us new hearts and right spirits,
that we may find what is pleasing to you
and dwell in your house forever.**

PASTOR: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my Spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of +Jesus Christ. **Amen!**

OPENING SONG *Precious Lord* - Praise Band Members: Marty, Brandon, Paul, and Justin Corrigan and Singers: Jonathan and Moira

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD - God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14 – Read by Worship Asst.

A reading from Ezekiel.

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – “I will act,” says the Lord!... making sense out of what is happening...

Please have the kids come closer to your computer so Pastor can address them...

PSALM: Psalm 130 – Read by Worship Asst. and Pastor

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

 O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

 in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,**

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

 with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the Lord shall redeem Israel**

from all their sins.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11 - Read by Worship Asst.

A reading from Romans.

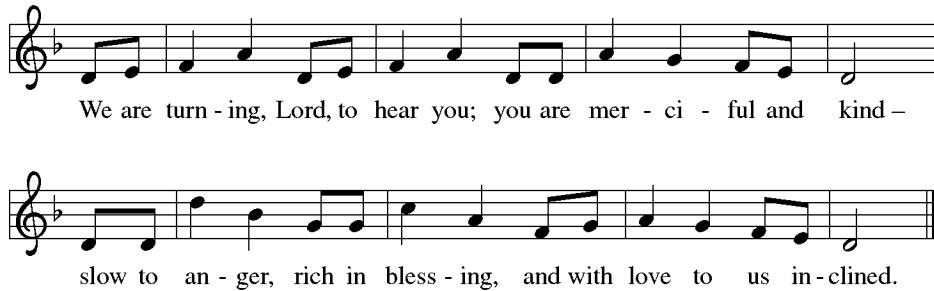
For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For 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, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But 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. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If 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 ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)



GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But 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.” ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus 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. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” ¹¹After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸When 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.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and

went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The 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. ³²When 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." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The 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."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON What's your Time Table? Timeless with Him!

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

CREED (ELW p. 206) - *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Or, “he descended into hell,” another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of life, bind your faithful people into one body. Enliven the church with your Spirit and bless the work of those who work for its renewal. Accomplish your work of salvation in us and through us, for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, you love the world you have made and you grieve when creation suffers. Restore polluted lands and waterways. Heal areas of the world ravaged by storms, floods, wildfires, or other natural disasters (*especially*). Bring all things to new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, show redemption to all who watch and wait with eager expectation: those longing for pandemic to cease, those waiting in lines, and those in dire need of humanitarian relief. Come quickly with your hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, you weep with those who grieve. Unbind all who are held captive by anxiety, despair, or pain, (*especially Marilyn, Dot, Lloyd, Keith, Henry, Jean, Adam, Kelly, Betty, Brock, Leah, Wayne, Marian, Bud, Judy, Lola, Joan, Amy, Lena, Tammi, Dolores, Dee, Marissa, Pegge, Renee, Rhonda, Sandy, Kate, Melissa, and Ian*).

Fill us with compassion and empathy for those who struggle, and keep us faithful in prayer. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give thanks for opportunities for this congregation to collaborate with our community in caring for the needs of our neighbors. Strengthen our ties with other local congregations, agencies, and services. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

The Bridge – coffee house Intern Pastor Ellia & Staff

Pastor: God of life, you are our resurrection. We remember all those who have died and trust that, in you, they will live again (*especially El-Vera*). Breathe new life into our dry bones, that we, too, might live with you forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

MEAL - God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING (ELW p. 206)

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Please continue to offer to Holy Cross what you desire to give to God through

- 1) *Your established e-giving pledge through Vanco OR*
- 2) *through a new mobile App called GIVEPLUS+ is available from your mobile store online*
- 3) *send your check directly to Holy Cross at 13014 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur, MO 63141*
- 4) *Go to our Website and hit "DONATE NOW" <http://www.holycrosselca.com/site/cs/links.asp>*

The presiding minister instructs those communing at home to gather their bread / cracker / wine/ grape juice elements to hold up during the Words of Institution.

OFFERING MUSIC - *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* arr. J.S. Bach

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 206)

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads...

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks in free floats prayer...

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 207)

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The assembly may be seated.

The bread may be broken for the communion. Prepare your elements for Home Communion.

COMMUNION & HOME COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say & at home you can say to each other: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

COMMUNION SONGS



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

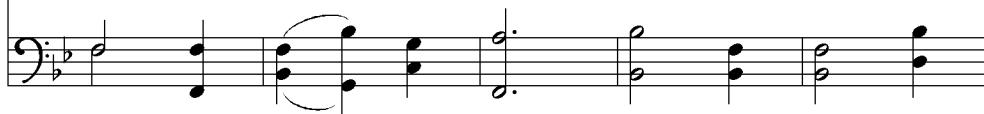
In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam-ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream-ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.



Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872
 Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 208)

The assisting minister leads...

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING - God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING (ELW p. 209)

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG THE WONDERFUL CROSS – PRAISE BAND

Lead Sheet

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Key: D

The Wonderful Cross

(based on the recording from the worshiptogether.com album "Here I Am To Worship")

Chris Tomlin, Isaac Watts,
J. D. Walt, Jesse Reeves
Arr. by Dan Galbraith

Med. ballad $\text{♩} = 90$

D (no3)

**M (electric guitar) - synth pad on open 5th
bass pulse on 8ths**

D (no3)

1 Verse **D (no3)** **D (no3)**

D (no3)

1x - All on me!
2x,3x - parts 1. When I sur - ve y head, the His of won - drous cross on sor - which the
2. See from His whole realm, na - dous His feet, mine, that row and
3. Were the glo min - ry died, my rich - est gains love and
Prince of far - gled too down, small. Did Love e'er such a maz - ing,
love of - flow fring glo min - ry died, my rich - est gains love and
so far - gled too down, small. Did Love e'er such a maz - ing,
so di - vine and or de - thorns com - tempt on so my all my
so di - vine and or de - thorns com - tempt on so my all my

1 - Repeat to Verse

D (no3)

to 1 **D (no3)** **2 - to Chorus** **D (no3)** **2 Chorus** **D (no3)** **G**

pride. (2.) rich a crown? Oh, the won - der - ful cross!

(3.) life, my all!

D (no3) **G** **D (no3)** **G**

Oh, the won - der - ful cross bids me come and die and find

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Lead Sheet

The Wonderful Cross - page 2

Key: D

32 **3rd X to Coda** A Asus A

32 that I may truly live. Oh, the -

35 **D (no3)** G **D (no3)** G **D (no3)** G

35 won - der - ful cross! Oh, the won - der - ful cross!

38 **D (no3)** G **D (no3)** G

38 All who gath - er here by grace draw near and bless

41 1 - Repeat to Verse A Asus A to 1 2 - Repeat to Chorus A Asus A to 2

41 Your name. Your name. Oh, the

Coda A Asus A **D (no3)**

45 Your name (ly live.) **D (no3)** like the beginning

49 **Tag** **D (no3)**

53 Love so a - maz - ing, so di -

58 **D (no3)** Rit. **(Optional Reprise)**

58 vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all!

64 **Inst.** **D (no3)** G **D (no3)** G

Lead Sheet

The Wonderful Cross - page 3

Key: D

68

D (no3) G D F# D (no3) G D F#

72 A A sus A 2a D (no3) G Oh, the won - der - ful cross! Oh, the

76 D (no3) G D F# D (no3) G bds me come and die and find

79 D F# A A sus A D (no3) G that I may tru - ly live. Oh, the - won - der - ful cross!

83 D F# D (no3) G D F# Oh, the won - der - ful cross! All who gath -

86 D (no3) G D F# D (no3) G 1 - Repeat to Chorus 2 A A sus A to 2a er here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

90 2 - Last time A A sus A D G Rit. Your name.

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP - COFFEE TIME to follow

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