ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10 a.m.   March 29, 2020

* indicates "stand if you are able." UMH is the blue hymnal. TFWS is the small black book.
Bold type is an invitation for all to share in the reading.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS
One: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: The risen Christ is with us.
All: Praise the Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER
One: When our lives become a valley of dry bones,
All: God clothes us with flesh and hearts that beat with love.
One: When our souls seem withered away,
All: God breathes new life into us once more that we might live.
One: Come let us worship.
One: And together let us pray.
All: God of promise and hope, we come to you feeling dried up, like a valley filled with dry bones. Share your visions of new life with us, that we might have hope for our future. Bring us up from the grave, that we might live as people of promise. Put your Spirit within us, that we might have life everlasting. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES   Virginia Lorenzi

*HYMN   *"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"*   Insert

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
We have heard your word spoken. Now, may that word grow in our hearts and our lives, that we may work together to build a world where all may share God's abundant life. Amen.

THE HEBREW READING   Ezekiel 37:1-14   O.T. Pgs. 764-765

THE HEBREW READING   Psalm 130   O.T. Pg. 549

THE EPISTLE READING   Romans 8:6-11   N.T. Pg. 148

THE GOSPEL READING   John 11:1-45   N.T. Pgs. 99-100

One: The Word of God for the People of God
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON   *"Tomorrow"*   Rev. Jane Kim

*HYMN   *"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"*   Insert

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another. *(From UMH page 7)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Lord of life, we come to you consumed by our worry and our pain. When we blame you for not being there in our need, forgive us. When we turn away from you in moments of loss, guide us back to your faithful arms. For we long to put our faith in your promised healing. We yearn to truly believe that you are the resurrection and the life. Teach us once more, Merciful One, that you weep when we weep, and rejoice as we find our way home. Amen.

ALL PRAY IN SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
God makes us a promise: "I will put my spirit within you and you shall live." The one who showed Ezekiel that a valley of dry bones could live again will bring us newness of life through Christ, who is the resurrection and the life.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (in unison)
Holy God, you sent your Son into the world, that we might set our minds on life and peace, rather than dwelling on earthly things. Receive this offering, that it may go forth to continue the work of Christ, who brings fullness of life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DOXOLOGY   *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*   UMH #95

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Holy God, you sent your Son into the world, that we might set our minds on life and peace, rather than dwelling on earthly things. Receive this offering, that it may go forth to continue the work of Christ, who brings fullness of life. May our gifts be a source of light in a world that has learned to love the darkness. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN   *"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"*   Insert

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

One: Go with the blessings of the one who forgives our failings.

All: We go with God's blessings.

One: Go with the blessings of the one who saves us and heals our hearts.

All: We go with God's blessings.

One: Go with God.

PASS OF THE PEACE

Let us share his love and peace with one another.

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED   NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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