

CENTRAL
United Church of Christ
GROW FAITH • SHARE LOVE • REACH OUT



March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday in Lent

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Behold a miracle.

A valley full of dry bones is transformed into a people of love and life.

Behold a miracle.

The graves are opened. Death has lost its sting.

Come and worship the one who never forsakes us!

Let us worship the Lord.

HYMN: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding all mankind.

Join hands, then brothers of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
Who serves my Father as a son,
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west;
In Him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth. Amen

GATHERING PRAYER

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. Teach us once more, Merciful One, that you weep when we weep, and rejoice as we find our way home. Amen

REFLECTION MUSIC:

"Go Rest High On That Mountain" – Vince Gill (arr. Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi)

-Bill Stine, baritone

HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

John 11:1-45

CHOIR RESPONSE

SERMON

"Dry Bones"

Rev. Dr. Judith Scott

RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN: "Take My Life and Let It Be" (verses 1, 5, & 6)

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Blessed Jesu"

- Edmundson

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, in Christ you have chosen us to be your friends and to know your will in the world. Therefore we pray in Jesus’ name that these tithes and offerings spread your love near and far. Amen.

GO FORTH IN LOVE

BENEDICTION

WE HOLD EACH OTHER IN SPIRIT

Blest be the tie that binds,
Our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds,
Is like to that above.

POSTLUDE

“Prelude in G Major”

- Bach

Our WORSHIP is ended...our SERVICE now begins.

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Please keep each other in prayer, particularly those for whom God’s healing touch is of special comfort.

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