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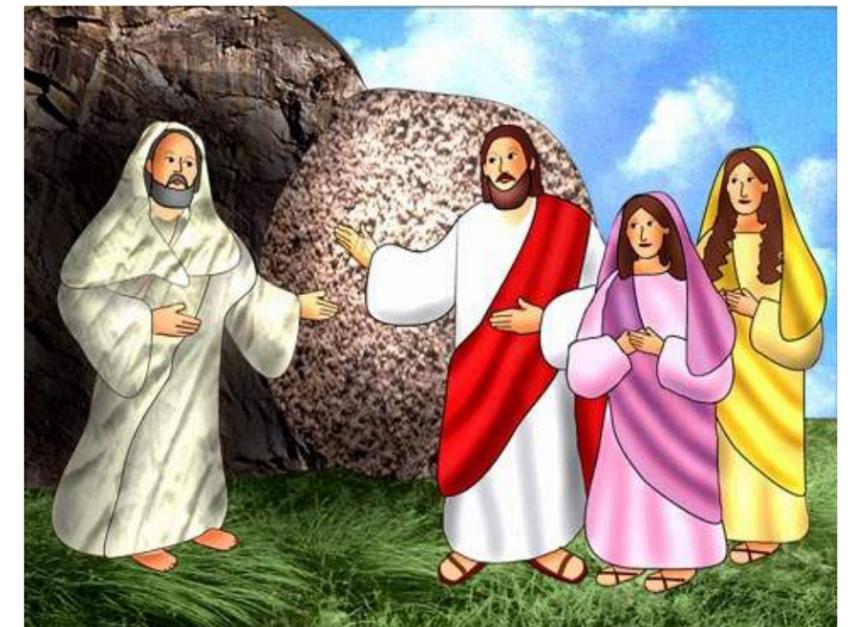
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8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE



April 2, 2017



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Welcome to Worship!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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8:30 AM

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Music by the Lord's Crew

Gathering

*OPENING PRAISE *Everybody Ought to Know*

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

*PRAISE *Because He Lives
There Is a Redeemer
Blessed Be Your Name*

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Sharing and Responding to God's Word

SONG OF ILLUMINATION *He Is Lord*

SCRIPTURE John 11:1-15, 32-45

SERMON *"IN THE CROSSFIRE: Lazarus"*
Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING SONG *Offering*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Communion Song *Were You There*

*FINAL BLESSING *Cares Chorus*

*CLOSING SONG *I'll Fly Away*

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- Church Work Day—9 AM
- Free Dinner—5 PM—CH
- Lenten Study Class—5:45 PM—CH
- Chancel Choir—7 PM—S

Thursday—4/6

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- Intercessory Prayer—10 AM—L
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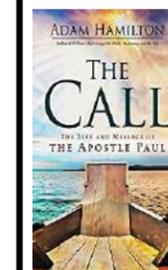
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Mar 5	36	83	119
Mar 12	35	77	112
Mar 19	42	72	114
Mar 26	33	84	117

OUR GIFTS

	Weekly Offerings	Budgeted:	\$4,711
Mar 5	Received:	\$10,141	
Mar 12	Received:	\$3,736	
Mar 19	Received:	\$2,449	
Mar 26	Received:	\$5,439	

Fiscal Year to Date **Budgeted regular giving:** \$183,717

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Welcome to Worship!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 2, 2017 **Fifth Sunday in Lent** **10:30 AM**

CENTERING WORDS

Listen for the One who calls to us:
Awake from your sleep! Come out of the cave!
Rise to new life in Christ!

WELCOMING OUR VISITORS

PRELUDE *Lift High the Lord, Our Banner* Macon Delavan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Out of the dark, musty caves,
Life calls to us.
Out of the dry, thirsty sand,
Living Water pours forth.
From trees that shield us from view,
Christ invites us into conversations
that will change our lives for good.

*OPENING HYMN *Lord of the Dance* verses 1-3 No. 261

*OPENING PRAYER

Living Christ, we come into your life-giving presence
to worship and pray,
We come to gain strength for the journey of faith.
Make your voice heard,
that we may hear your call of life.
Make your breathe felt,
that we may sense the power of your Spirit.
Make your Love so abundantly clear,
that we may recognize ourselves as your children,
Made in the image of our Creator,
newly created each and every day.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell

Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time. Junior and Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.

ANTHEM *Draw Me Near* arr. Mary McDonald

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Blessed Be the Name* No. 63
Congregational Prayer
Choral Response *Blessed Be the Name* No. 63

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HYMN (remain seated) Now the Green Blade Riseth verses 1,2 & 4 No. 311

SERMON "IN THE CROSSFIRE: Lazarus" Rev. Mary Birgelaitis

OFFERING Invitation to the Offering Offertory Think About His Love Walt Harrah *Doxology/Blessing of the Offering 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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal, page 15 The Great Thanksgiving/Lord's Prayer Communion Music Come Just As You Are Joseph Sabolick Receiving the Elements

*HYMN To God Be the Glory No. 98

*BENEDICTION Go to live. Go to love. Go to bring life and love to the world

*RESPONSE Amen No. 904

POSTLUDE I Sing Praises Terry MacAlmon

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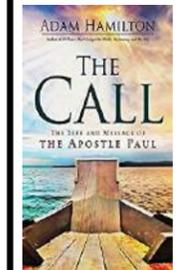
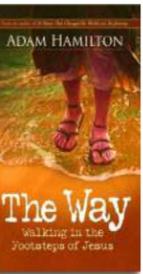
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