

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MT. PLEASANT, MI**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
March 29, 2020  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
10:30 AM**

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**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD**

**PRELUDE**

**“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”.**  
Mary Jo Cox, piano

C.E. Walz

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**  
(Silent Confession)

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor.**

**And even so you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**  
*(Pass the peace if able by posting a comment on the church's Facebook Page.)*

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**1 The 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. 2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I 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." 7 So 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. 8 I 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. 9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, 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." 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11 Then 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.' 12 Therefore prophecy, 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. 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 I 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." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### REFLECTION

“A Valley of Dry Bones Then and Now”.

Andrew Miller

Question of the Day: Where is hope in the valley of dry bones?

#### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

“Arioso Gloria”  
Mark Cox, tuba

Barbara York

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(If able, you may share prayers of joy or concern by posting a comment on the Facebook page at this time.)*

The Prayers and Concern of the Congregation are extended to:

Jim Gilbert, Gwen Thornton, Joyce Brown (Mary Lu Yardley's sister), David Harrison, Marilyn Bidwell, Lance Butler (Laurie Patton's father), Norma Richardson, Katie Richardson, Peter Russell, Sally Weisenburger, Nicole Patton, David Neyer, Lois Kerr, Sarah Gilbert, Joyce McNabb, Colleen Long, Lavona Osborne, Richard Shugert. Mission Co-Workers Michael and Rachel Ludwig, Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, and Noah Lapp, Holly Presbyterian Church, Holly MI,

the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Togo, and Isabella County Restoration House.

#### MORNING PRAYER AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

“How Can I Keep From Singing”

Lani Smith

*“Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm when to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?”*

#### Notes:

If you would like to give your pledge, per capita payment, or offering please mail it to the church office: First Presbyterian Church, 1250 Watson Road, Mt. Pleasant, 48858.

Lenten Question of the week: Where have you seen God's fingerprints in this time of crisis?

Phone calls to the church office will be transferred to Andrew Miller's cellphone.

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