

**✦ 5th Sunday of Lent ✦**  
**March 18, 2018 10:00 A.M.**

**GATHERING IN WORSHIP**

*Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.*

**◆Prelude**

**◆Call to Worship (In Unison)**

Pastor: The Spirit of God has brought us here.

**People: The Lord has set us down here, though our bones are tired.**

Pastor: Can these dry bones live?

**People: Yes! The Breath of God will revive us!  
The Word of God will awaken us!**

Pastor: Today, we come together to experience new life.

**All: Let us give thanks to the Wild, Life-Giving Spirit of God!**

**◆Hymn of Praise (BH #253) *He Lives***

**◆Invocation**

**The Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins...)**

**WORD**

**Scripture Readings**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

**◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #746) *This Is a Day of New Beginnings***  
(vs.1-4)

**Message**      **“Jesus; our Tender, Compassionate,  
Loving Teacher and Savior”**  
Rev. Mark Westlind

**RESPONSE**

**◆Hymn of Response (BH #246) *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks***  
(vs. 1,2,4)

**Prayer of Confession (In Unison):**

**Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;**

**Lord, hear my voice.**

**Let your ears be attentive**

**to my cry for mercy.**

**If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,**

**Lord, who could stand?**

**But with you there is forgiveness,**

**so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

**I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,**

**and in his word I put my hope.**

**I wait for the LORD**

**more than watchmen wait for the morning,**

**more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

**Assurance of Pardon (Pastor):**

Put your hope in the LORD,

for with the LORD is unfailing love

and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel

from all their sins. Amen

**Passing of the Peace**

**Life Together**

**Offering**

Offertory *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

◆ *Doxology*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

**SENDING**

**◆Hymn of Dismissal *I Am the Resurrection and the Light***

**◆Benediction**

**Postlude**

◆Indicates those who are able should stand.

**NOTES OF INTEREST**

Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions or more information feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Char Dunk-Sladek, Greg Goetz, Lois Jaderholm, Dorothy Karner, Elsie Koler, Barbara Mateer, Joyce Olson, Bruce Sladek, Lorraine Sorensen, Linnea Wimpenny.

*Remembering a Loved One*

**Reserve Your Easter Lily**

It has been the tradition at Trinity to adorn the chancel area on Easter Sunday with lilies. Please join us in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior with a donation towards these flowers and a memorial to someone you love.

Place your order today for an Easter Lily by filling out the envelope insert and return to the church office.

You are invited to take your flowers with you following the Easter Sunday service or you can donate your flowers to be given to a shut-in.

The deadline to order is Palm Sunday, March 25.

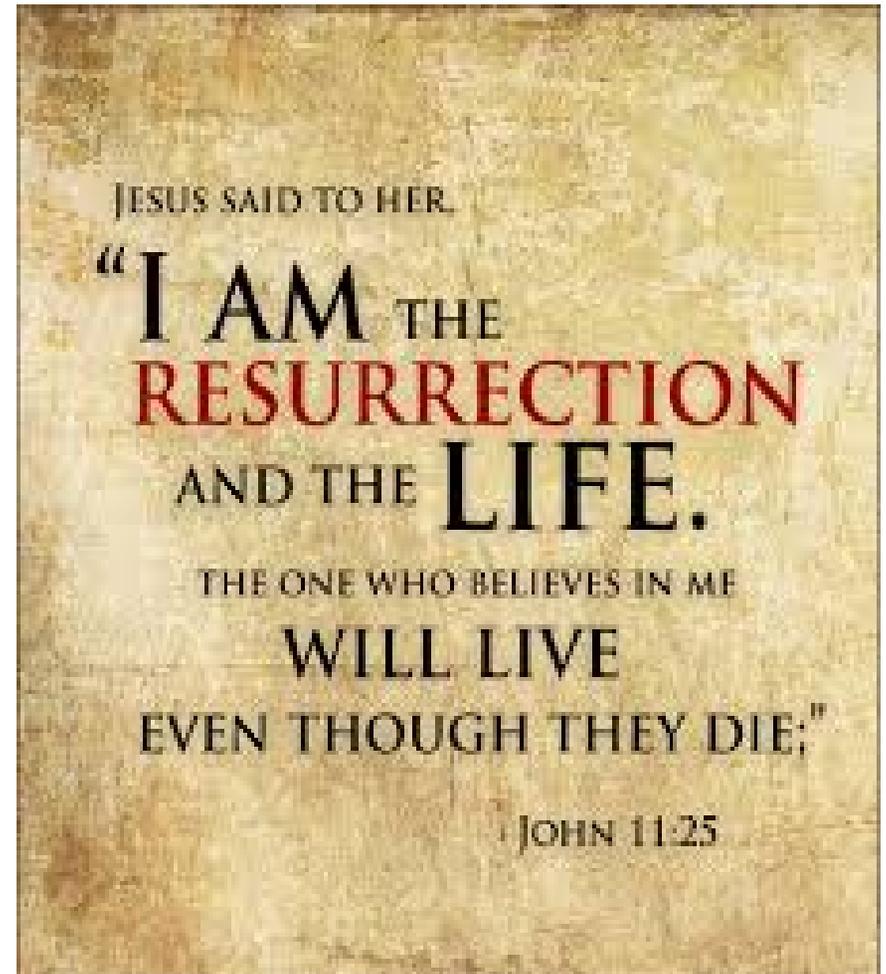


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Amanda Fulton.....Director, Noah's Ark Preschool  
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## Today's Scripture:

### Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

<sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! <sup>5</sup>This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup>I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.<sup>13</sup>Then you, my people, will know that I am

the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup>I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"

### Psalm 130

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive  
to my cry for mercy.

<sup>3</sup>If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

<sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.

<sup>6</sup>I wait for the Lord  
more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
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<sup>7</sup>Israel, put your hope in the LORD,  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.

<sup>8</sup>He himself will redeem Israel  
from all their sins.

### Romans 8:6-11

<sup>6</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death

because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. "And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

**Calendar for the Week:**

**Today:**

- 10 A.M. Worship
- 10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
- 11:15 A.M. Confirmation Class and High School Youth Group
- 11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School
- 3-5 P.M. Youth Group – St. Patrick’s themed gathering at Trinity

**This Week:**

- Mon.-Thurs. 9 A.M. Noah’s Ark Preschool
- Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women’s Bible Study
- Wed. 6 P.M. Lenten Journey – light supper
- Wed. 6:30 P.M. Lenten Journey – class
- Thurs. 11:00 A.M. Pryme Tymers
- Thurs. 7:00 P.M. Church Board Meeting
- Fri. No Preschool Noah’s Ark Spring Break Begins

**Next Sunday:**

- 10 A.M. **Palm Sunday** Worship
- 10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 6th Grade
- 11:15 A.M. Confirmation Class and High School Youth Group
- 11:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School

**March 25 – Nursery Helpers:** Lorraine Weszely, Shannon Lee  
**Greeters:** John & Lorraine Weszely

**Articles for April Messenger Due**



*Join Pastor Mark for  
Maundy Thursday Service  
March 29, 7 P.M.  
Fireside Room*

**Announcements:**

**Adult Sunday School**

This Sunday, and next, Dr. Troy Martin will be teaching on “Emotion in the Bible and Our Society”. The “Law” portion discussed the past two weeks led to interesting discussions. Join us for further discussion.

**Lenten Journey**

Pastor Mark’s class is in its last week on centering prayer life, a contemplative life, if you will. The class starts with a light meal at 6 P.M. on Wednesday evening followed by class from 6:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. To RSVP, please fill out the flyer and place in the offering plate.

**Youth Group (ages K-6<sup>th</sup> grade)**

Today the Youth Group will meet at Trinity from 3-5 P.M. The get together will be St. Patrick’s Day themed and will involve music, games, snacks and lots of fun. Please RSVP to the church office at [office@trinitycovoaklawn.org](mailto:office@trinitycovoaklawn.org) or 708-422-5111.

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**WELCOME TO TRINITY**

So that we can get to know you better and you can better know us, please complete the tear-off below and place in the offering plate. Thank you!

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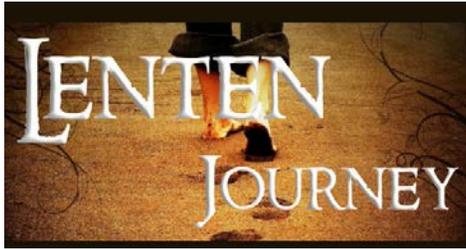
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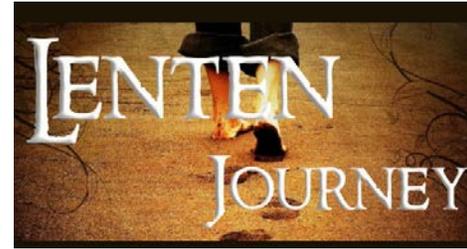
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