

AVON LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2010

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER – Announcements, Joys & Concerns

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in E Minor* Bach
(Chancel Choir; Doug Day—piano, Jackie Day—percussion)

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: When our hearts are dry and empty of love

P: Blow new life into us, Holy Spirit

L: When our bones are dry and torn by violence

P: Blow new life into us, Holy Spirit

L: When our souls are dry and shriveled into bitterness

P: Blow new life into us, Holy Spirit

All: Raise us up into hope and inspire us with the breath of your creative Spirit

LENTEN CANDLE CEREMONY

*HYMN OF PRAISE "I Danced in the Morning" No. 302

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LENTEN RENEWAL

Living God, we come today aware of many places where life has been picked clean, like long-dead bones. We come knowing that our inattention has contributed to the lively becoming listless, and then lifeless. Open our eyes to what we can do and inspire us with your holy breath, so that we may pour out in renewing faith and actions to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison)

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;

Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,

To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;

Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

ANTHEM *What Wondrous Love Is This* Larson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 1017)

Ezekiel 37:1-14

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERVICE OF STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Aria* Manz

*DOXOLOGY No. 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Children and Youth leave for Sunday School)

*HYMN "Spirit of the Living God" No. 322

(3 times—last time a capella)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 1282)

John 11:1-45

L: ..the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Sitting...Still* Dr. Bill Lindeman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

No. 316

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in G Major

Stanley

*All who are able may stand

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