



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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“Journey Together”
April 1, 2020
Wednesday Lenten Worship

Prayer (unison)— God of promise and hope, we come to you feeling dried up, like a valley filled with dry bones. Share your visions of new life with us, that we might have hope for our future. Bring us up from the grave, that we might live as people of promise. Put your Spirit within us, that we might have life everlasting. Amen.~

We Confess Our Sins-- Revitalizing God, your power goes far beyond our own, and yet still we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us. We give in to the despair and hopelessness of death, not trusting in your ability to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives. Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life in the midst of all the deaths we experience. Forgive us for wanting to limit you to “the last day” or “the world beyond this one”, not trusting you to move and act among us, within us, through us. Forgive us, and open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst.+

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Assurance of Grace — “Come out,” Jesus calls, and his word unbinds us from the oppressive weight of our past and pushes away the rocks that close us off from love. We are made free in the spirit of God, and forgiven all our sins. May God’s name always be praised from our lips! Amen.+

Song 1

Sweet Hour of Prayer, 478

A Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you,
O LORD.

² Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

³ If you, O LORD, should mark
iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the
morning,
more than those who watch for the
morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast
love,
and with him is great power to
redeem.

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

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Song 2

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, 261

Faith Journey Story - When we are able to be together again in-person, Paula Prange will share her faith journey story with us. In the meantime, reflect on your own journey. As you do so, you're invited to reflect on this question: **When was a time you extended forgiveness? When was a time you received forgiveness?** You might take a few moments to write down some memories and thoughts.

We Respond to God with Our Giving

You are invited to continue to send in your offerings while we are unable to meet in-person. Though we cannot physically be together, our ministry continues. You can also now give online at www.zionuccindy.net/donate.

The Doxology (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

Version 1

*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.*

Version 2

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

We Give Thanks (unison) — **God of promise and hope, we come to you feeling dried up, like a valley filled with dry bones. Share your visions of new life with us, that we might have hope for our future. Bring us up from the grave, that we might live as people of promise. Put your Spirit within us, that we might have life everlasting. Amen.~**

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Song 3

There is a Balm in Gilead, 631

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing

Hope in the LORD! For with the LORD is steadfast love. Go forth this day to love and serve the LORD. Amen.

Worship Notes:

+UCC Worship Ways

~ Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020. Abingdon Press.