



seeking:
*Can these
bones live?*

MARCH 26, 2023, 10:30 AM
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance

arr. J. Bert Carlson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Terri McGee

Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?

Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?

If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God's house.

Hope lives here.

So, come. Rest your weary bones.

Let us worship Holy God.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Rock of Ages

Hymn 438

† *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

† **CALL TO CONFESSION**

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Jesus of Nazareth, I confess: I forget that you know this feeling.
I forget that you, too, have wept. I forget that you, too, have lost.
I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb,
have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity.
Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you.
Forgive me for all the times I create distance,
imagining that you could never feel what I feel.
Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones
to be a sea of space between us.
Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart.
Bring these bones back to life.
Bring me closer to you. With gratitude I pray, amen.

† **SILENT CONFESSION**

† **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, you could spend your whole life ignoring God, pushing God away, or trying to solve the world's problems all on your own, and God would still love you all the same. Even in our shortcomings, we are God's beloved.

So hear and believe this good news:

We are saved by grace through faith. We belong to God. We are not alone.

† **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

† **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Gloria Patri

Hymn 581

THE WORD

A TIME OF WONDER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creator God, Why is bad news so loud? In the midst of gun violence, hunger, melting ice caps, and anxiety, it often feels like suffering has a microphone. How do we hear you? How do we find you? How do we know that these bones can live? Today we bring our raw selves into this space asking that once more you would rush through this room like a mighty wind. Remind us that these bones can live. Speak to us in your still, small voice and let it be loud enough to speak to the sorrow of the day. We know that good news rests in you, and we know that you are here. So help us listen, not to the bad news of the day alone, but to the hope that you breathe into every word. With open hearts we pray, amen.

FIRST READING

John 11:1-45

SECOND READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

SERMON

“Can these bones live?”

Rev. Emily Cooper

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HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Hymn 286

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God loves us—

God loves us enough to weep when we are gone.

We believe that God does not give up on us—

breathing new life into tired bones.

We believe that God returns to us—

always seeking us when we are lost.

We believe that God holds hope for us—

so we hold onto hope as well.

We believe, help our unbelief.

In Christ's name we pray, amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Please place your offering in the tray at the back of the sanctuary
as you exit after worship or consider giving online at www.glenshawchurch.org.*

OFFERTORY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Chancel Choir

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

† **DOXOLOGY** **Hymn 606**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SHARING THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER **Hymnal Page 35**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

† **SENDING HYMN** *Blessed Assurance* **Hymn 839**

† **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

As you leave this place, may God bless you with seeking.

Seek out the hungry. Seek the weary.

Seek the good in every person you pass.

Seek out the hopeful. Seek the faithful. Seek God in each of us.

As you seek and as you wonder, may you find what you are looking for.

In the name of our loving God, who is always seeking us, go now in peace.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Verso in G Minor

Domenico Zipoli

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WORSHIP NOTES

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are dedicated to the glory of god in loving memory of Bonnie Giel. Given by Kathy Poole.

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LENTEN PARAMENTS

The Lenten paraments are crafted in a batik fabric, in various hues of purple - the color used during our two seasons of preparation (Advent and Lent). Emphasizing this season of simplicity, the Table paraments include no additional decoration or symbols. The lectern parament and the pastor's stole are emblazoned with the "passion cross." The pointed ends of the cross evoke the spear that pierces Jesus' side at his crucifixion. These paraments provide a stark contrast to the splendor of the paraments for the Season of Easter.

VISITORS, please **complete a visitor card found** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We are glad to have you worship with us!

WE RECORD OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE. We invite each member of your family in attendance to sign the friendship pad at the end of each pew. We are glad to have you worship with us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER FLOWERS

We are offering tête-à-tête daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, mums, and azaleas to adorn our sanctuary on Easter morning. The cost of each flower is designated below and the deadline for ordering is **Sunday, March 26**.

Azalea 6" pot - \$8.00 each

Mum 6" pot - \$7.00 each

Tête-à-tête daffodil, Hyacinth,

or Tulip 6" pot - \$6.00 each

Tête-à-tête daffodil 3" pot - \$3.00 each

To place an order, please fill out an envelope in the narthex and return it to the church office including payment for the flowers. Please pick up your Easter flower(s) immediately after the service on Easter morning.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

We are now accepting orders for chancel flowers to brighten our sanctuary during our Sunday services. The cost to sponsor both arrangements dedicated to a loved one, to the Glory of God, or any dedication so desired each week is \$55. **To order flowers, please contact Jennifer in the church office** by calling 412-486-8400 ext. 110 or emailing jennifer@glenshawchurch.org by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before your desired Sunday.

PER CAPITA for 2023 is \$35.70

FILL-A-TRUCK

Palm Sunday- April 2nd

Please support the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Etna by donating nonperishable food, home, and hygiene products at our annual drive-thru collection. Some suggestions of needed items are canned or jarred goods of all categories, cereals, boxed potatoes, rice, pasta, baking ingredients, condiments, beverages, crackers, paper products, baby diapers, cleaning products, and cat and dog food. Monetary gifts made out to GPC with a notation to the BOLFP are also very welcomed! Deacons will be receiving your contributions from 8:00 - 10:30 and 11:30 - noon at the portico on the Pennsylvania Ave. side of the church. During the worship service (10:30 – 11:30) you may leave any donations in the designated boxes. Let's see if we can fill a truck and a van to the brim this year with our generous donations to our neighbors in Etna! Thank you!

THE KENTUCKY DERBY WOMEN'S TEA

hosted by the Deacons

May 6th will be here before we know it! Save the date for the Kentucky Derby themed Southern Tea in the church parlor. Doors open at 11:15 a.m. and will begin at 11:30 a.m. running through 1:30 p.m. You will want to don that beautiful exquisite hat while enjoying tea sandwiches, scones, sweets for dessert, and of course TEA! Suggested donations for the event are \$20 per adult and \$10 for children through age 16. We will begin taking reservations on APRIL 2nd until APRIL 30th before and after church in the narthex. You may also call the church office to make your reservations. Invite your sisters, grandmas, grandchildren, nieces, neighbors, and friends in your life to join you for TEA!

CHILDREN'S CHRIST CANDLES

Parents and grandparents please have your children look for the Christ candle near the activity bags. They can light their own tea candle and place it with the larger one.

NEWS FROM THE DEACONS

Is it time for your spring cleaning? Do you have any unwanted treasures? The Deacons are planning our second outside flea market set for **July 15th** to raise funds for our ongoing mission work. You will be able to purchase a space to sell your own items, but if you do not care to do that, you may participate by donating your things to the Deacon's sale tables. We are now collecting any household items. You may bring them to the designated tables in the basement of the church in the bowling alley. Please note we are not collecting any clothing! Contact Kathy Luft or Diana Long with any questions and we thank you!!

THIS WEEK AT GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

March 26, 2023— Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parlor
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Fellowship in the Parlor

TUESDAY

March 28, 2023

- 7:00 PM Century Club Meeting

THURSDAY

March 30, 2023

- 6:30 PM Carillon Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY

April 2, 2023— Palm Sunday

- 8:00 AM Fill-a-Truck
- 8:30 AM Adult Education in the Parlor
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Fellowship in the Parlor
- 11:30 AM Fill-a-Truck

GPC OFFICE HOURS :

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Welcoming all who seek to know God,
Glenshaw Presbyterian Church invites
individuals and families to join in our
journey of faith as we share the love of
Jesus Christ with one another, the
community, and the world.



The GPC Session

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