

March 29, 2020

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Feel free to follow the order of worship below, reading aloud the Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, Apostle’s Creed, Prayers of the People, and the Lord’s Prayer.

Offerings may be dropped off at the church office, mailed to the church office, or given by PayPal through the link on our website <http://www.woodstockucc.com/>

THE CHURCH GATHERS

SILENT PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my prayers! I wait for you, my soul waits, and in your word I hope; my soul waits for you more than those who watch for the morning. I put my hope in you, for with you there is steadfast love and redemption. Amen. (Portions of Psalm 130, adapted)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

<https://youtu.be/Zj9RCpjJaIc>

HYMN

“Fairest Lord Jesus” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vhnb2GS8llo>

TO OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

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. As we gather to worship, forgive us, and open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst.

*GLORIA PATRI #73 <http://woodstockucc.com/Music/Gloria%20Patri2.mp3>

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

“Dry Bones” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_Br-vX7FYw

ANTHEM

“In Dark Gethsemane”

Trevor Manor

<http://woodstockucc.com/Music/In%20Dark%20Gethsemane2.mp3>

SCRIPTURE

John 11:1-48

SERMON

“Breath of Hope”

https://youtu.be/NmYQBvQH5_g

TO RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QiQ_R-s6h00

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

<https://youtu.be/N07xPvwSbNU>

Triune God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, we come to you with a crazy mix of emotions. We are worried about not only our livelihoods but our very lives. We are filled with concern for our loved ones, especially the elderly and those most vulnerable to COVID 19. We are confused about how best to respond to the limitations placed upon us. We are overwhelmed with trying to be teachers for our children while we work from home. We are bored. We are lonely. We miss face-to-face contact with our friends and loved ones. We are tired and our patience is wearing thin. We are sick and afraid. We are grieving the loss of some many things: time with our friends and family, sports seasons, birthday parties, graduations, and the bigger losses of income, jobs, and loved ones. Let us have ears to hear you call us, even as you called Lazarus, to come forth from our fears, to loosen what binds us so we are free to live fully today. May the abundant life that Jesus gives open our hearts and minds and hands so that we in turn might loosen the bonds of injustice that hold others captive. All this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (using “debt and debtors”)

PRAYER RESPONSE HYMN #490 “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

<http://woodstockucc.com/Music/Hear%20Our%20Prayer2.mp3>

TO OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

MORNING OFFERING

Like Lazarus we awake from sleep at the sound of Jesus' voice. Like Lazarus, we have a new life in front of us – a resurrection life not meant to be hoarded, but to be shared. Like Lazarus, we can live in a state of thanksgiving for all that has been and hope for what is to be. Like Lazarus, we have been given a gift that is meant for all. So let us make our offerings and pray that the wind of God may breathe upon all that lives upon the earth.

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Spirit of Life, we breathe our lives upon these gifts that they may be become a fertile plain of green life and strengthened hope for all who live in the valley of dry bones. May the wind of your love carry these gifts far beyond us to the places most in need of your compassionate grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

TO GO INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN

“Because He Lives”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QiQ_R-s6h00

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

Resources:

Liturgical readings adapted from UCC Worship Ways

Birthdays and Prayer List

BIRTHDAYS for this week:

Richard Linaweaver 31st
Helen Harrison 31st
Nathan Terry April 2nd
Tim Dalke 3rd
Cathy Boze 4th
Jodi Orndorff 5th

ANNIVERSARIES for this week:

Clara and Randy Young 29th

PRAYERS and CARDS

PMAL Pine Meadow Assisted Living

Beverly Dahlgren PMAL

Judy and Jan Dobbins

Dorothy Corder

Martin Cullers

Ginger Funk

Dr. Jerry Germroth

Randy and Valorie Hockman

Bill Holsinger

Kynli Hoover

Wes Irvin

The family of Clyde Hunt

Jake Johnson

Daniel Rohne Kasten

Marcie Lambert

Nora Long

Cheri May

Spencer McIntosh

Tom and Nancy Mohr

Jessie Payne

Maddie Ritenour

The family of Ann Benchoff Stamm

Jack Sullivan

The family of Rev. Dr. Charles Wood

Pete Wright