

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship  
March 26, 2023 – The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us from the valley of dry bones.

Come, listen for a word from our God.

*We hear God calling us in a far distant voice.*

*We had nearly forgotten God's care for us.*

The Spirit breathes life into our dry bones.

God offers hope when we have lost our way.

*Our souls wait for the refreshment God offers.*

*Our spirits are filled with great expectation.*

Christ came as a light to all the world.

Christ comes among us today to light our way.

*We hear the teacher calling for us.*

*Christ unbinds us that we may see and believe.*

HYMN # 442

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord.*

*She is His new creation by water and the word.*

*From Heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride.*

*With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the Earth,*

*Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth.*

*One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,*

*And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*

*Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,*

*She waits the consummation of peace forevermore.*

*Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,*

*And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on Earth has union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Out of the depths we cry to You, O God. Hear our prayers, the confession of our neglect, the admission of our desire to rule in Your place. Like the house of Israel in Ezekiel's time, we are cut off from communion with You. We cry out for forgiveness and a new start. We long to know You and to live in reverence before You. By Your steadfast love, redeem us from our iniquities, forgive us our sins, and raise us up to serve You, in Jesus' name. Amen*

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

#### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

... All this we pray in Jesus' name, saying, *Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

#### Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.  
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

#### DOXOLOGY

*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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Lift us up, O God, from our self-interest, as we invest ourselves in sharing the Good News with the world. Increase our gifts of time and treasure, that all who are drained of hope might have their minds set on the Spirit. May the Spirit raise them to new life as we celebrate the Resurrection Jesus promised to Lazarus and to all who trust and follow where God leads. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1-14

John 11:1-45

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“God’s Time, Not Our Time”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

HYMN # 371

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

REFRAIN: *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
Till all the world – adore – His sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod.  
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. REFRAIN*

*Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. REFRAIN*

*O, Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
Your death has brought us life eternally. REFRAIN*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be  
Praise to the Crucified for victory. REFRAIN*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: # 341

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God. Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

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## **JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE**

### **Lenten Soup Suppers**

Our final Soup Supper will take place this Wednesday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m. Once again, we will be treated to a delightful half hour of music by the SpiritLifters.

### **Easter Flowers**

Easter is right around the corner! Please fill out the attached order form, and give it, along with your check, to Betty Chatfield. Thank you.

### **Maundy Thursday**

We have been invited to attend the Maundy Thursday Service at The Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow (95 Old Country Road, Melville, NY) on Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Wade Pond will lead the Service.

### **Good Friday Service**

In order to accommodate our many seniors who don't care to drive at night, our Good Friday Service will take place in our Sanctuary on Friday, April 7, at 3:00 p.m. The Service is tentatively titled "The Seven Last Words of Christ," and will last 30 – 40 minutes. Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef will lead the Service.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

On Saturday, May 20, we will be holding a Health Fair in our CE Hall. We have ten health-related participants signed up. Please see Bill Becker if you have ideas or suggestions. Stay tuned – there's more information to come.

### **Bell Choir**

If you are interested in joining our Bell Choir, please speak to Marian Adams.

### **Got Junk?**

Do you have things kicking around your garage/basement/attic/closets, but not enough for a full-blown yard sale? We are already preparing for our September Church Fair. You may bring your contributions to church at any time and place them on the desk in room #3 downstairs.

### **Vacation Bible Camp**

The Vision and Outreach Team is exploring the idea of running a one-week Vacation Bible Camp this summer. The first thing we need to know is – do we have enough volunteers to make this dream a reality? Please speak to Bill Becker if you are interested in this project.

### Favorite Hymns

Do you have a favorite hymn that you would like us to sing during our celebration of worship? There are index cards and a box at the parking lot entrance to the church. Please write down your hymn request and place it in the box. Don't forget to sign your name so we can tell you when your hymn is scheduled!

### STAFF

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## Easter Flowers Order Form

1. First, please sign the sheet on the Welcome Table, and make sure the flowers are still available. We have reserved 10 Easter Lilies, 8 Daffodils, 8 Tulips, and 8 Hyacinths.
2. Next, fill this sheet out. Please print clearly.
3. Finally, please enclose a check for \$12 per plant, payable to FPC Greenlawn, and give the check and order form to Betty Chatfield.

I would like to order the following:

Number of plants	Name of Plants
_____	Easter Lilies
_____	Daffodils
_____	Tulips
_____	Hyacinths

Total number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12 per plant = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please list my plant dedication as follows:

In Loving Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_