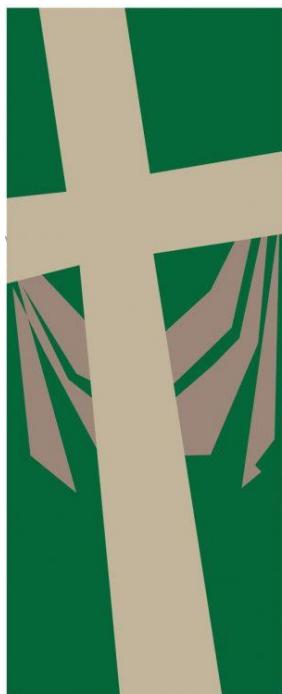


Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church



Fifth
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

Worship for March 26, 2023

Worship for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

Meditation (in preparation for worship)

"As far as anybody seems to know, the vast majority of things in the universe do not have what life is. Sticks, stones, stars, space - they simply are. A few things are and are somehow aware of it. They have broken through into SOMETHING, or SOMETHING has broken through into them. Even a jellyfish, a butternut squash. They're in it with us. We're all in it together, or it in us. Life is it. Life is with."

Frederick Buechner
in *Wishful Thinking*

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live...'"

John 11: 25

"I don't believe people are looking for the meaning of life as much as they are looking for the experience of being alive."

Joseph Campbell
in *Hero with a Thousand Faces*

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here! If you are new or visiting, please sign the guest pad in the pews so that we may get to know you better. Please join us for refreshments during our Fellowship Hour after the service.

Prelude

**Please stand if you are able. Congregation reads responses in bold print.*

Call to Worship

O God, who raises the sun from darkened depths and flowers the earth with bursts of color:

**Burst upon us this day, break into our usualness,
Breathe into our lives the breath of your spirit!**

O Lord, who spreads before us the banquet of life and calls us to join and to share:

**Dance your joy into our hearts, sing your song onto our lips, saturate us
with an explosion of love!**

O Servant of servants, who calls us to join in serving one another:

**Show us, in the process, what we have in us at our bravest and best and
most beautiful to become.**

***Hymn #32**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Hofkapelle

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness. Set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy.

Silent Prayer

A Time of Silence

*[Please take this time in silence to offer your own prayers of confession—
confessing your need for God and naming those barriers that keep you from
knowing life as God's beloved child.]*

Declaration of Pardon

I Peter 2: 9-10

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven
Through Christ God restores us to faith, hope and love
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

***Passing the Peace**

***Gloria** (Hymn #583)

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Children's Conversation

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

(Students and teacher leave for class.)

Scripture

John 11: 17-27

David Hitchcock

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Anthem

Amazing Grace
Jaclyn Breeze, Flute

Arr: Hall

Scripture

John 11:38-44

David Hitchcock

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

***Hymn #320**

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Knapp

A Few Words about Scripture

Rev. Stuart Hayes

Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Moment for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Andrew Trapasso

Announcements

Please use the microphones when making announcements. We want to include those sharing our worship through our live stream. Speaking from the floor without a mic (no matter how strong your voice) is blank airspace on the live stream. The microphone should be held up to the face, 6-12 inches from the mouth.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn #315**

In the Midst of New Dimensions

Rush

Benediction

Postlude

Thank you to today's ministry assistants:

David Hitchcock – Liturgist
Craig and Kevin Cobb – Ushers

The flowers this morning are donated by the Stewart family in memory of Bill, whose 90th birthday would be on April 6th.

Thanks to those who are live streaming this morning's service.



Welcome to our worship at Pebble Hill!

If you are with us for the first time, we hope that you find our worship meaningful and our fellowship inviting. Please reach out to Pastor Stuart or Nancy Byrne to learn more about Pebble Hill Church.

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Please keep in your prayers this week

- ◆ We pray for Janet Terwilliger's cousin Judith, as she recovers from surgery.
- ◆ We pray for the family of Cecelia, cousin of Charlotte and Mary Elizabeth.
- ◆ We pray for Ron Cavanaugh as he continues his treatment.
- ◆ We pray for Margo's friend Angela, a 47-year-old mother of three, who is suffering from serious health issues and is awaiting a heart transplant.
- ◆ We pray for the earthquake victims and the relief effort teams in Syria and Turkey.
- ◆ We pray for all caregivers.
- ◆ We pray for New Jerusalem and Eastern Farmworkers as they assist those in need in our communities.
- ◆ We pray for the victims of floods and storms throughout the world.
- ◆ We pray for all those experiencing famine throughout the world.
- ◆ We continue to pray for the people who are the victims of war and oppression throughout the world.
- ◆ We pray for this country; may it find peace from all the discord.
- ◆ We pray for the Elders and Deacons of this church.
- ◆ We pray for the PNC.

Announcements

Adult Forum: Following worship, we will continue our exploration of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability.

The memorial service for Flora Nyland will be held Saturday, April 15 at 2:00 pm.

The Week at Pebble Hill – March 26-April 1

Sunday	11:15 am	Environmental Stewardship Forum
Monday	4:30 pm	Bluebirds – KR
	6:00 pm	PNC – Forum
Tuesday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts – NR
	6:30 pm	Syracuse Chorale – FH
Wednesday		
Thursday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	4:00 pm	Bluebirds – KR
	5:00 pm	Salt City Ukulele practice – FH
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice – Choir Loft
Friday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR
	10:30 am	Pastor’s Gathering - Lounge
Saturday	9:30 am	Bluebirds – KR

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