

# Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2014

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Holy One, Your hand came upon the dry dust of earth, and your Spirit breathed life into us.  
All praise and thanks to God, we can never be the same. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE #145

**“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”**

Messiter, 1883

*April Hymn of the Month*

WELCOME

Tom Laney

\*INTROIT #339

**“Be Thou My Vision”** (v. 1-2)

Evans, 1927

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship our God, Companion, and Guide.

***God is close to us in terrible times and in wonderful times.***

God gives us all that we need. God leads us to places that restore our souls.

***Creator of life, bring us light, we pray.***

Refresher of dry lives bind us to God forever.

***God, breathe life into us and let us live!***

We gather here in the hope of God's holy Word.

***We gather here in the gift of new life.***

\*HYMN #78

**“Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed”**

Smith, 1825

CALL TO CONFESSION

If it is true that God has recorded our failings, we hope it will never be published. But in truth, if the book was opened, every page would be blank, for God forgives us of everything we have done, or failed to do. So, let us approach our God of mercy and grace. Let us pray first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We are set free by your saving grace, Generous God, yet we must confess how we are still bound by our pride and arrogance. We seem unable to throw off the grave clothes of our ordinary sin. We cling to our fears, for they are so familiar and comfortable. Yet, there in every corner of our lives, in every shadow we fear, into the cold embrace of death itself, you***

***come, Precious Sustainer You break the bonds of sin and death, calling us to new life through the love and sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Forgive us again, this Lord's Day morn. Amen.***

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

***“Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.”***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You can put your hope in God, dear friends, for God offers us that love which never fades, that life which never ends. In the name of God's Son, we are forgiven.

***We wait for God, and God does not fail us. God's hope, God's love, and God's grace are forever. Thanks be to God. Amen.***

\*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.***

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ANTHEM

***“Ah, Holy Jesus”***

Chancel Choir

## Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Bibles, p.759 / LG. p. 987

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

HYMN #316

***“Breathe on me, Breath of God”***

Jackson, 1894

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 11: 1-45

Bibles, p.98 / LG. p.127

The Word of the Lord

***Thanks be to God***

SERMON

***“Come Forth!”***

Rev. Candice L. Klein

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***“God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in people. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. God enables them to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, God gives them power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all people.” This, we believe. Amen.***

—The Confession of 1967 9.20

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“Oh, Lamb of God Most Holy”* Cindy Ratliff

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*Those who are able may come down the center aisle to be served. If you prefer, please remain seated and the elements will be brought to you. The outer rings of the communion tray contain grape juice and the inner rings contain wine.*

*Sending*

\*HYMN #263 *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*(v. 1 – 3) Welch Folk Melody

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #263 *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*(v. 4) Welch Folk Melody

POSTLUDE Selected

(\*) Those who are able may stand.  
*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

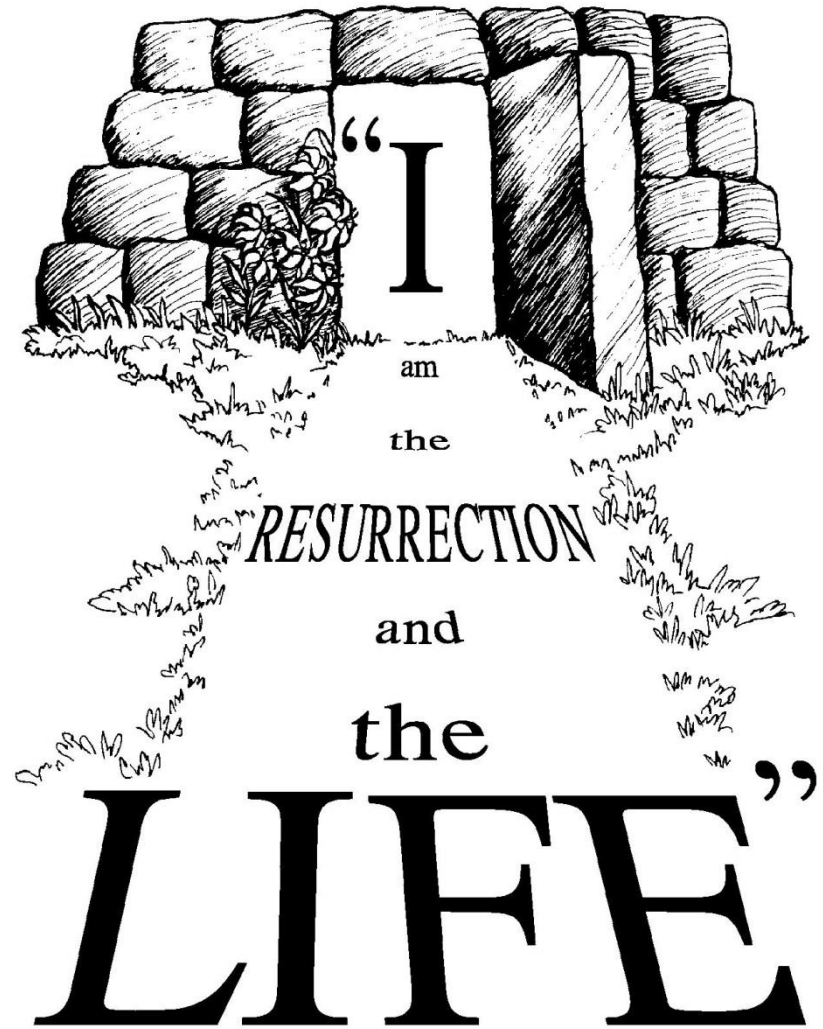
This week’s prayers and concerns Travis Reynolds, Cindy Ratliff, Jane & Tolly Dill and Diane Dill, Neil & Mariella Pennal, Jack Clark, Claudine Kennedy, Billie Manck, and the staff and leadership of Grace Presbytery.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun.. 04/06	8:30-9:30a.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
Wed. 04/09	4:30-5:30p.m.	Kids for God
Wed. 04/09	1:00p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Thur. 04/10	6:30p.m.	Session meeting

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John 11:25

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