

April 10, 2011

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Can these bones live?

P: Only God knows.

L: Can we wake up to the good news?

P: Only God knows.

L: Can we be revitalized?

P: Only God knows.

L: Come, Holy Spirit, and breathe your life into our worship this hour.

P: Unbind us and set us free to proclaim our faith as your Easter people!

***HYMN** *“Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us”* UMH No. 331

PRAYER OF CONFESSION God of the resurrection, we do not always live as Easter people. Too often, we find ourselves distracted by the rattling of dry bones. It is so easy to forget your gift of living water when we are surrounded by dust, despair, and desert. In the midst of death, we cannot envision the way of life; we lack the ability to see beyond the bondage of hopelessness. Come free us, O God! Heal us, Christ Jesus! Loosen the bonds that prevent us from entering new life in your Spirit. We long for Easter. Come free us! Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God’s love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE
MISSION MOMENT

Alan MacIlroy

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION *“Lead Me, Lord”*

UMH No. 473

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING *John 11:17-45*

SERMON *Prayer and Weeping* Rev. Stephen Cady

***HYMN** *“This is the Day of New Beginnings”* UMH No. 383

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Please put your name on offering envelope.*

GIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, OFFERINGS

***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 THANKSGIVING**

God of life, you have given us our very existence. Even when we are dried up and feel only hopelessness and despair, you enliven us with your Spirit and raise us up once again. With grateful hearts we offer you our gifts, our service, our selves. Accept our offerings, O God. Breathe into us and bless us with your grace and love, that we might choose the way of life as we journey toward the resurrection and beyond. Amen.

***HYMN** *“Lord of the Dance”* UMH No. 261

***CIRCLE OF LOVE** o *“Many Gifts, One Spirit”* UMH No. 114

***LORD’S PRAYER *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE**

***Those who are able, please stand.**