



***Our Vision***

*is to be Christ to each other and our community – doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with our God.*

*Sunday, March 29, 2020*

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

**Sunday:** Sunday School **9:45 a.m.** Worship **10:55 a.m.**

<b>All Members of Fernwood Baptist Church</b> .....	<b>Ministers</b>
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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

The Lord's Day

March 29, 2020

The Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Will L. Thompson  
arr. Lari Goss

*Softly and Tenderly*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

*As the candle is lighted, we celebrate the presence of Christ, who is the Light.*

The Call to Worship

Matt Johnson and Dr. Stafford Turner

One: Our lives feel all disjointed as though they were a valley of dry bones.

**All: But the Spirit of God will bring connection and continuity to our lives.**

One: The Spirit of God breathes hope into each one of us.

**All: The Spirit of God challenges us to be people of faith.**

One: Open our hearts, Lord, and bring us to your light.

**All: Open our lives, Lord, and break us free from doubt and fear. Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise

AZMON

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.
2. My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus, the name that calms my fears, that bids my sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4. He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
5. To God all glory, praise, and love be ever, ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

The Hebrew Bible Reading

Stafford Turner

Ezekiel 37:1-14; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Hymn of Adoration

TRENTHAM

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

1. 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.
2. Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will thy will, to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

The Pastoral Prayer

Matt Johnson

The Anthem

William Billings

*New England Psalm Singer, 1770*

*When Jesus Wept*

Rebecca Turner, soprano; Sherami Harris, alto; Stafford Turner, bass

When Jesus wept, the falling tear  
in mercy flowed beyond all bound;  
when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear  
seized all the guilty world around.

The Gospel Story

Matt Johnson

John 11:1-45; NRSV

The Sermon

Matt Johnson

*Walk on the Wild Side: Suffering*

The Hymn of Response

THOMPSON

*Softly and Tenderly*

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.  
Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, o sinner, come home!
2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?  
Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, o sinner, come home!
3. Oh! for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me;  
though we have sinned he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.  
Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, o sinner, come home!

The Offertory Prayer

Stafford Turner

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music

B. B. McKinney  
arr. Nancy L. Smith

*Speak to My Heart/Breathe on Me*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

The Doxology

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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.

The Pastoral Benediction

Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music

arr. Marilyn White

*Majestic Praise Medley*  
Rebecca Turner, piano

*As we prepare for service, the Light of Christ goes out before us.*