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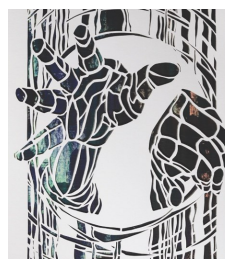
Lenten Worship Series - SEEKING: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith

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Sunday, March 26 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

“Can These Bones Live?” Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-45

When you find yourself in a valley of dry bones, when all hope seems lost, when death and grief surround you, with desperation you might cry out, “Can these bones live?” In Ezekiel’s vision, God asks this question of us. Do we believe new life can come after death? Can we find hope when things are bleak? Can we really trust in God’s resurrection? While we look to God to carry us through the valley, God looks to us to embody hope for others. As we prepare to enter Holy Week, we remember how Jesus began his final journey toward resurrection: by returning to Judea after the death of his dear friend, Lazarus. As we walk through the valley of dry bones that leads us to Calvary Hill, let us seek out the hope that will stir in us and sustain us.



Unbind Him
Hannah Garrity
*Paper lace over oil paint
on linen*

From the artist: Hannah Garrity

“As I met with this text, I was drawn to Jesus’ call for Lazarus to be unbound. To represent the fabrics used in preparation for burial, I wrapped a canvas in linen. You’re not really supposed to do that. The canvas was already stretched and gessoed. It was ready to resist the oil paint medium I was applying. However, the texture of the binding cloth matters for this tactile text. I began to scrape the paint onto the woven strands. The linen fabric absorbed the paint as I scraped it on with a palette knife. In the final image, the linen shows through the paint and the paper lace design, representing the bindings.

Jesus’ call for unbinding also includes the community. The foreshortened hands of the community, tasked with unbinding his body, reach in toward Lazarus. They reach through the concentric binding lines so that he can go free. Can these bones live?

In the strength of community, they can. The community made up of Jews, Gentiles, Samaritans, and others all joined one another at the tomb to grieve for Lazarus that day. They came to support Mary and Martha. Jesus arrives as the community mourns together. Jesus cries in his grief. Their collective tears create the backdrop for this paper lace design. This diverse and neighborly community is who Jesus calls on to do the unbinding. Jesus makes sure that the community knows about this miracle so that they can share the news. Can these bones live? Lazarus lives, and Jesus’ miracle lives on in the telling.”

Church Birthdays

Mar. 24-Mike Rokes, Eli Braley, 25-Sandy Jensen, Brad Wells, Apr. 2-Ray Burfeind, 3-Joyce Well-house

For Your Prayers...

Melody Brindle

Dennis Reimer

Jill Mortenson

Notice...

Wednesday, March 22

5:30 pm Lenten Event

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 29

Easter Egg Stuffing after the Lenten Supper

Sunday, April 2

Easter flower donation deadline

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:

[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)

Or sign up in the narthex!

Sunday Supper Helpers

sign up online:

[Sunday Supper](#)

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Connie Herbon

Computer Operator: Dave Luck

Videographer: Brad Jensen

New Projector Set-up: Neal Leeper

Recycling: Jim Seeley

Easter Flower Sponsors



The Worship Team will be providing a floral arrangement for Easter. You may donate toward the arrangement in memory or honor of a loved one. Forms are in the narthex.

Deadline: Sunday, April 2.

Any amount is welcome.

Names will appear in the April 5 newsletter and posted in the narthex on Easter Sunday.

March Lenten Reflections with Soup Supper — I've Been Meaning to Ask...

March 22 & 29 — 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Dining Room

Our Wednesday Lenten reflection series invites us to tell our stories and dream about a new way forward. Join us for an hour of good questions and good food!

Wednesday, March 22... what do you need?

Meal hosted by: Choir & Presbyterian Women

Everyone has needs, but each of us needs different things at different times. God calls us to care for one another—in seasons of joy, transition, and hardship. What would you say if someone stopped to ask you, 'What do you need?'

Upcoming schedule

Wednesday, March 22

5:30 pm Lenten Meal & Reflection, dining room
(meal hosted by PW and the Choir)

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Sunday, March 26

10:30 am Worship, sanctuary
- SHINE breakout sessions

12:00 pm 1619 Video Project w lunch, dining room

Monday, March 27

6:00 pm PEO, dining room

Wednesday, March 29

5:30 pm Lenten Meal & Reflection, dining room
(meal hosted by Community Min & CYF)

6:30 pm Easter Egg Stuffing, library

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Easter Egg Help!

The CYF Ministry Committee is asking for small treats, candies, or non-food items that fit into an Easter egg!

Please drop off donation in the library.

Anyone who wishes to help FILL the eggs will have a chance to do so after the **March 29** Lenten meal in the library. Many hands make light work. Thank You!

You're Invited: 1619 Project Film Series

Working for Justice: Breaking Bias has arranged the following schedule to view the 1619 Video Series:

March 26: Part 4, "Capitalism"

No viewings: April 2 and 9—Holy Week

April 16: Part 5, "Fear"

April 23: Part 6, "Justice"

Viewings begin Sundays at noon. We meet in the dining room and eat lunch while we watch the video. A short discussion will follow until 1:30 pm.

♦ **The next regular Working for Justice: Breaking Bias meeting will be Wednesday, April 19, 10:00 am in person** in the church dining room.

HOLY WEEK with Cedar Valley Presbyterians, PC(USA)

- **Maundy Thursday** - April 6, 6:00 pm

at Westminster Presbyterian: 1301 Kimball, Waterloo

Join us for a service of contemplation. All are welcome to partake in communion. Childcare will be available.

- **Good Friday** - April 7 - 6:00 pm

at Cedar Heights Presbyterian: 2015 Rainbow, CF

This service will feature a joint choir that blends together voices from our churches. Childcare will be available.

First Presbyterian-Waterloo, Unity, and our church will also participate.

Easter Sunday, April 9

9:30 am Refreshments in the dining room

Egg Hunt and Children's Activities

10:30 am Worship in the sanctuary

childcare provided

Scholarship Opportunities

The **Dorothy Horn Scholarship** provides financial assistance to women from Presbyterian churches who attend the University of Northern Iowa. Dorothy Horn attended the University of Northern Iowa and her estate established this scholarship endowment, which is administered by First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls.

Those interested in more information, or an application packet, should contact First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls. Materials can be requested by calling **319-277-3930** or by email: office@firstprescf.org. All applications must be returned by **April 17, 2023**.

The **First Presbyterian Church Scholarship** provides financial assistance to students seeking post-high school educational opportunities. This fund is financially supported by the Donna & Greg Hickman Trust.

Applicants must have a direct connection to First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls to qualify.

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The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Please consider what you can give to this offering! Checks may be made payable to the church with "One Great Hour" on the memo.

Iowa Canterbury Forum:

Next Sunday, March 26 at 7:00pm

The Role of African American Music in Worship

Presented by John Wm. Roberts, the choir accompanist and pianist at Waterloo (IA) First United Methodist Church. John explores the different spirit, energy, and temper of African-American worship music, and especially its emphasis on the experiential and emotional and on freeing worshippers to involve themselves with the music that they hear and sing. African-American worship music has become an important part of America's culture, and a part of American religion, too, but few of us visit African-American churches to experience it firsthand. In John's program we'll get a taste of what we're missing out on.

It's a Zoom-only program to make it available to audiences outside Iowa's Cedar Valley. It will last about an hour, with time afterward for discussion, questions, and answers. The Zoom will open a half hour before the program itself, at 6:30 PM CDT, to enable those who want to come early to socialize informally with each other on Zoom. We'll try to keep it open after the Q&A also, so that people can socialize some more.

Here's the link:

Topic: Iowa Canterbury Forum, Sunday March 26th

The Role of African-American Music in Worship

Time: Mar 26, 2023 06:30 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting



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We hope to see you Sunday!