

Classic Worship at 9:00 am

PRELUDE Dr. Ann Behrens
Two Lenten Hymns Michael Burkhardt
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
Jesus, Priceless Treasure
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Robert Hobby

WELCOME

INTROIT
O How He Loves You and Me Kurt Kaiser

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?

Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?

If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God's house. Hope lives here.

So, come. Rest your weary bones.

Let us worship Holy God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus of Nazareth, I confess: I forget that you know this feeling. I forget that you, too, have wept. I forget that you, too, have lost. I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb, have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity. Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you. Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining that you could never feel what I feel. Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of space between us. Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart. Bring these bones back to life. Bring me closer to you. With gratitude I pray, Amen.

***HYMN # 368** *MY HOPE IS BUILT*

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CHANCEL CHOIR

When You Prayed Beneath the Trees Lloyd Larson

SCRIPTURE READING John 4: 17-27, 38-45

MESSAGE Pastor Rachel Stockle

"Can These Bones Live?"

***HYMN # 512** *STAND BY ME*

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

By the Babylonian Rivers Robert Hobby

***DOXOLOGY # 95**

OFFERING PRAYER

***HYMN # 707** *HYMN OF PROMISE*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Ah, Holy Jesus, mvt. IV Wayne Wold

Flowers are provided by Pat Dillon in memory of Phil Dillon and Emily Lewis.

Connection Worship at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME SONG

COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME OF PRAYER & CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 37:1-14

PRAISE BAND *WHAT AN AWESOME GOD*

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S TIME

VIDEO *Lazarus* 231 Worship

OFFERTORY

PRAISE BAND *LET IT RISE*

SCRIPTURE READING John 4: 17-27, 38-45

PRAISE BAND *ALIVE FOREVER, AMEN*

A TIME OF PRAYER & THE LORDS'S PRAYER

MESSAGE Pastor Rachel Stockle

"Can These Bones Live?"

PRAISE BAND *FRIEND OF GOD*

BENEDICTION

The people of this church are missionaries in the city.

The staff members are:

Rev. Rachel Stockle, Directing Pastor
Rev. Annelle Ruemmler, Associate & Director of Praise Team
Dr. Ann Behrens, Music Coordinator, Organist, and Chancel Choir Director
Jean Murray, Handbell Choir Director
Sara Bange, Bright Start Preschool Director
Christina Kaufman, Communications/Admin. Assistant
Ian Mehaffy, Finance Manager
Stephanie Alvord, Nursery Attendant
Glory Messan, A/V Tech
Rob Davis, Custodian

9 am Ushers: Alan & Judy Van De Boe

11 am Ushers: Maxine Paluska & Pixie Sharkey

Gathering Place Host:

Don't Forget!

- **Lenten Study-** "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?"
Wednesdays at 5 pm and Mondays at 3 pm
- **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** collection
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - collection
- **One Minute Mission** – Filling Easter eggs for the Easter egg hunt.
- **Easter Lillies** – Order forms are due March 30th they are \$14.00 Each
- **Labyrinth** - starting Saturday, March 28th and will be available throughout Holy Week.

Be sure to check out **The Thursday Connection** every week (e-newsletter) which is sent to your email inbox and is available online at vsumc.org. If you do not have internet access, please contact the office (222-7468) and ask for a copy to be mailed to you. A copy of the weekly newsletter can be found in the gathering space on Sunday mornings for anyone to have.

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SUNDAY, March 22nd

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9 am – Classic Worship Service

10:15 am – Sunday School

11 am – Connection Worship Service

6:30 pm - Lenten Service at Union UMC

MONDAY, March 23rd

9 am – Care Team

3 pm - Lenten Study

4:30 pm – Vacation Bible School Meeting

6:15 pm – Leadership Board Meeting

TUESDAY, March 24th

9 am – Quilters

7 pm – Cooperative Ministries

WEDNESDAY, March 25th

10 am – UWF Meeting

4:45 pm – Praise Band

5 pm – Lenten study

6 pm – Bell choir

7pm – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, March 29th

Palm Sunday

9 am – Classic Worship Service

10:15 am – Sunday School

11 am – Connection Worship Service

6:30 pm - Lenten Service at Vermont Street

INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTS ARE AVAILABLE.

ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR A COPY.

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5th Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026