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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE What a joy it is to share with you the sure and certain hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

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A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Though death may come today, tomorrow, I know in Christ I perish not; He grants the peace that stills all sorrow, gives me a robe without a spot. My God, for Jesus' sake I pray your peace may bless my dying day. Amen.

SERVICE THEME

Our Greatest Needs: Life for the Dead

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Setting Two | 172-182, 171

OPENING HYMN

In the Hour of Trial | 406

PRAYER OF THE DAY Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 4:17-37

God wants us to know that whoever believes in him will live, even though he dies.

But the woman conceived, and she gave birth to a son at that same time of year, just as Elisha said to her. ¹⁸The boy grew up, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. ¹⁹Then he said to his father, “My head! My head!” His father said to his servant, “Carry him to his mother.” ²⁰So he picked him up and carried him to his mother, and the boy sat on her lap until noon. Then he died. ²¹Then she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God. She shut the door behind her and went out. ²²Then she called to her husband and said,

**All: “Send one of the servants to me with one of the donkeys,
so that I can run to the man of God and come back.”**

²³He said, “Why are you going to him today? It’s not the new moon, and it’s not the Sabbath.” But she said,

“It’s all right.”

²⁴Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant,

“Lead the way. Don’t slow down for me unless I tell you.”

²⁵So she went to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When the man of God saw her from a distance, he said to his servant Gehazi, “Look! That’s the woman from Shunem! ²⁶Now run to meet her and say, ‘Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your son all right?’” She answered,

“We’re all right.”

²⁷Then she came to the man of God at the mountain, and she grasped his feet. Gehazi stepped forward to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone, for her soul is in distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me. He has not told me.” ²⁸Then she said,

“Did I ask my lord for a son? Didn’t I say, ‘Don’t give me false hope?’”

²⁹Then Elisha said to Gehazi, “Hike up your garments for travel, and take my staff in your hand and go! If you meet someone, do not greet him, and if someone greets you, do not answer. Put my staff on the boy’s face.” ³⁰But the boy’s mother said,

“As surely as the LORD lives and your soul lives, I will not leave you.”

So he got up and followed her. ³¹Gehazi went ahead of them and put the staff on the boy’s face. But there was no sound, and there was no response. So he went back to Elisha and told him, “The boy did not wake up.”

³²When Elisha came to the house, there the boy was—dead, lying on his bed. ³³So he went in and he shut the door behind the two of them. Then he prayed to the LORD. ³⁴He got up and lay down on top of the boy. He put his mouth to the boy’s mouth, his eyes to the boy’s eyes, his palms to the boy’s palms. Then he bent down over him, and the boy’s flesh became warm. ³⁵He went back into the house and paced back and forth. Then he went up and bent down over him, and the boy sneezed seven times. Then the boy opened his eyes. ³⁶Then Elisha called Gehazi and said, “Call the woman of Shunem!” So he called her, and she came in. He said, “Pick up your son.” ³⁷So she came in and fell at Elisha’s feet and bowed down to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY IN THURSDAY SERVICE

Psalm 130



Out of the depths I cry to / you, O LORD;
Lord, / hear my voice.

Let your ears be at- / tentive
to my cry for / mercy.

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, / who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, / serve you.

I wait for the LORD, my whole / being waits,
and in his word I / put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the / morning,
more than watchmen wait for the / morning.

Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,
for with the LORD is un- / failing love

and with him is full re- / demption.

He himself will redeem Israel from / all their sins.

Out of the depths I cry to / you, O LORD;
Lord, / hear my voice.

INSPIRATION IN 8:00 SERVICE

“Step by Step/ Lead Me, Lord”
by David Strasser & Ruth Elaine Schram

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You.
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways,
And step by step You'll lead me, And I will follow You all of my days.

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Your righteousness;
Make Your way plain before my face.
Lead me, Lord, lead me in Your righteousness; Make Your way plain and step by
step You'll lead me, And I will follow you all of my days.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways,
And step by step You'll lead me, And I will follow You all of my days.

Lead, me, Lord, and step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days.

ADULT CHOIR IN 10:30 SERVICE

“Mercy”
by Craig Courtney

I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame. And in the darkness
of my soul, I shrink from Your rekindling flame.
Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity. Renew my heart and wash
me clean; grant with Your pardon, purity. Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In equal measure of Your love, You promise mercy, tender compassion to the one,
who seeks Your face. A broken heart, a fainting soul, a contrite spirit, together cry
for Your forgiveness and Your grace.

Against You only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in Your sight. Of Your
forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight. Kyrie eleison, kyrie eleison,
have mercy, have mercy, have mercy.

SECOND LESSON (Sermon Text)

Romans 8:11-19

The Father promises to raise his children from the dead and make them heirs of everlasting glory.

And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one
who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his
Spirit, who is dwelling in you.

¹²So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it.
¹³For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the
Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live.

¹⁴Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not
receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of
adoption by whom we call out, “*Abba, Father!*” ¹⁶The Spirit himself joins our spirit in
testifying that we are God’s children.

¹⁷Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with
Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing
with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹In fact, creation is waiting with eager
longing for the sons of God to be revealed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION for LENT

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Refrain: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work. *Refrain*

GOSPEL

John 11:17-27, 38-45

*A corpse responds to the empowering command of Christ. This greatest miracle of his ministry
proves that Jesus is the Lord of Life.*

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four
days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away.

**¹⁹Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary
to comfort them concerning their brother.**

²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary
was sitting in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my
brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God,

God will give you.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha replied, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. ²⁶And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?” ²⁷“Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

**³⁸Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb.
It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.**

³⁹“Take away the stone,” he said. Martha, the dead man’s sister, told him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

**⁴⁴The man who had died came out
with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen
and his face wrapped with a cloth.**

Jesus told them, “Loose him and let him go.” ⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | 407

“The Crown Jewel of Christianity”

Pastor Boehringer

APOSTLE’S CREED & PRAYER

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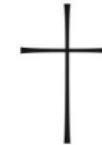
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CLOSING HYMN

Go My Children, with My Blessing | 930 v 4



ORGANIST

Erin Achey

GREETERS

8:00 ~ Louis & Carly Ferren, Payton and Colton

10:30 ~ Judine Schicker