

CANTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1904



"New in Christ" by Lauren Wright Pittman

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

THE 22nd DAY OF MARCH

THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

As children of God, we dwell in the Spirit, and the Spirit dwells in us.

We are alive in the Spirit through the righteousness of God.

In humility and faith, we come to worship the One who gives us life, hope, and healing.

God has brought us to this moment and will guide us still.

Praise the Lord!

✠ HYMN 816: *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee.....*WER NUN DEN LIEBEN GOTT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENT PRAYER

Holy God, you promise us a life of blessing, but we do not always trust your promises. You ask us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch for you, but we see what we expect to see. Forgive us, we pray. Open our hearts and help us live in wonder-filled service. We ask this in the name of our Light and Life, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

HYMN 602: *Holy Lamb of God.....*YA HAMALALLAH

Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

✠ HYMN 544: *Bless the Lord (repeat three times).....*BLESS THE LORD (Taizé)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING.....Psalm 130

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

Let your ears be attentive 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 unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

GOSPEL READING.....John 11:1-45

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Signs of Resurrection*.....The Reverend Esta Jarrett

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✚ HYMN 250: *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*.....PROMISE

✚ A LENTEN CREED.....from Patmos Abbey, the order of St. Columba

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.**

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

**We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.**

**We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

**We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.**

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR POSSESSIONS

Offerings may be made via our website or the Vanco app.

✚ DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606: *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow...* OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

✚ HYMN 821: *My Life Flows On.....* HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

✚ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✚ HYMN 601: *Amen.....* DANISH AMEN

POSTLUDE

✚ Please stand as you are able

Welcome to Canton Presbyterian Church.

Just as you are, you are part of the body of Christ with us, and we are glad you are here.

Our staff are Rev. Esta Jarrett (Pastor) and Jeffrey Gonce (Music Director).

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