

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Partnered in Christ with
Fuente de Vida Presbyterian Church
Guatemala

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29th, 2020 - 11:00 A.M. (ONLINE)

*...he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out,
his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.
Jesus said to them, "Unbind him and let him go." John 11:43-44*

Introit

"Go Not Far From Me, O God"

Zingarelli

Call to Worship

Leader: God's Spirit enters our "valley of dry bones"
to call us to a time of revitalizing worship.

People: **How can we sing songs of joy and praise when there is no life in us?**

Leader: The breath of God cleanses, and hope is renewed;
life is restored to God's children.

People: **We welcome the winds of God among us,
the spirit who offers life in all its fullness.**

***Hymn 66**

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 581** *"Glory Be to the Father"*

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Choral Anthem

"Show Us How to Love" Mark Miller, Lindy Thompson

A Moment for Children

New Testament Lesson

John 11:1-45

Sermon

“Rebuilding”

Mark Stanley

Announcements

Minute for Ministry

One Great Hour of Sharing

Betty Lockwood

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn 490

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

*Charge and Blessing

Choral Response

“Jesus, Remember Me”

Postlude

Psalm 18

Benedetto Marcello

* *Stand, or remain seated*

This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God’s family. We are Christ’s people, and this is Christ’s place with its doors wide open. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

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Office hours: Mon - Fri 9:00 - 4:00pm

TODAY

11:00 - ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

MONDAY

8:30 - Finance Team

4:00 - Tai Chi

TUESDAY

9:00 - Staff Meeting

10:00 - Zoom Coffee/Issues

WEDNESDAY

10:30 - Friends in Christ

THURSDAY

1:30 - AA Ladies

4:00 - Tai Chi

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

11:00 - ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

Weekly Calendar: Mar 29th - Apr 5th

ONLINE WORSHIP TEAM

- **Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Mark Stanley
- **Associate Pastor:** Rev. Dwight Christenbury
- **Guest Pastor:** Rev. Becky Stanley

- **Music Director/Organist:** Stephen Klein
- **Musicians:** Frank Burzio, Katie Cilluffo, Beth Pensiero, Ed Tatsch, Jacki Tatsch
- **Minister of Visitation:** Sally Beghtol, CP
(with us in spirit during quarantine)

WEEKLY PRAYER PEOPLE: Prayers, calls, and notes are encouraged: (please check pdf directory)
*Clarence & Joan Poole, Russ Russell & Robin Hodgson,
David & Dianne Purnell*

PRAYER CONCERNS: In **sympathy:** Sally Beghtol upon the loss of her brother-in-law, the family of Bob Smith, Buck Bradberry upon the loss of his wife Butch **Home:** Nancy Sheffield, Don Widmayer, Barbara Pickwood, Jack Presseau, Nancy Williard, Jan Bridges, Nancy Twitchen, Bud Weeks, Eric McAnallen, Barbara Garrison, Charlie Hunnicutt, Evans Thibodeau, Barbara Nichols, Sue Elsasser, Dan Kincaid, Ann Fennell, Bill and Juliette Blakely, Merritt Roach, Connie Moore Rehabilitation, **Nursing:** Nancy Underwood (Lifecare), Ron Hoverson (The Lodge) Ginny Arkens (CV Med Center); Harry Papazian (Heritage Hills); Jean Gach, Audrey White, Eleanor Beardsley (The Laurels); Alice Gantt, Bob Brackett (CV Care Center);); **Others:** Barb Mazzeo, Buck Bradberry, Leigh Ann Faires, Len Domke, Cheryl Stewart-Perryman, Ryan Thibodeau (Sarah & Evans' son), Grover Lewis (Alice McCullough's son-in-law), Jeremy Baker (Sandra Dwork's grandson) and Lisa Merritt (her daughter in law), Joanna Dorsey Duncan (Diane Dorsey Pearce's daughter), Jeffrey Presseau (the Presseaus' son, brain tumor), Tim Dale (Diane Bowers' nephew), Jean Stanfield Walters, Jay, Lorie and Robert Pelc (family of Carole Ball), Don Cunningham, (Sarah Thibodeau's brother). Please remember mission coworkers and our Guatemalan partner church, Fuente de Vida.

CHURCH BUILDING CLOSURE: In efforts to keep everyone safe and comply fully with local and state laws and recommendations, Trinity's building will be closed as of Monday, Mar 30th. At present, we plan to continue Sunday worship online. Trinity clergy and staff will continue to work and be available from their homes. Feel free to call or email with any questions. Check out "Quarantine Resources" on our website for details and updates. (will be posted in next few days!)

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES: While we are worshipping online, it's important to keep up with our pledges and plate donations. Give our secure on-line collection plate a try. Go to Trinity's web site, <https://www.trinitypresnc.org>, click the 'Ways to Donate'. You can set up Bill Pay with your bank or click the 'Donate' button and follow the instructions. You can use your checking, savings, or credit card account and make a one-time donation or schedule regular donations. Not a fan of on-line giving? Mail your plate and pledge donations to Trinity at 900 Blythe St., Hendersonville, NC 28791.

CONTACT INFO UPDATES: If you would like a NEW up-to-date directory so you can contact ALL your friends during this time, please email Katie in the office at: trinitypresbyterianpcusa@gmail.com

STAY AT HOME PHOTO CALL - If you have fun fabulous photos of you and family staying busy while staying home, we would LOVE to share them with the rest of the congregation via our website. Please email them to Katie.

WEBSITE: With Henderson County now under stricter "stay-at-home" recommendations, now is the time to take as full advantage as possible of other avenues to keep in touch digitally. A new section will be added to our website specifically with resources, ideas, suggestions, photos, crazy jokes, ways to help, etc. for the duration of the COVID-19 threat. It will be a work in progress, but please check it out over the next few days and see different ways that we can keep our Trinity family together, even though we're apart. Be safe!

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Sunday | JOHN 3:16-18

God does not condemn us. Despite our mistakes and missteps, what we have done and what we have left undone, God does not call us out publicly, judge us harshly or sentence us to lifelong punishment. In fact, God so loves us that Jesus is sent to save the world. During this season of Lent, we follow the Son to the cross and grave, to the tomb and back to Galilee, learning all the way about repentance and forgiveness, grace and transformation.

Imagine if those of us reconciled to God through Christ practiced even a modicum of the mercy extended to us? What would it look like for us to let go of judgment and focus instead on extending grace? Consider the impact disciples would make if we sought to be just and not vindictive. What divine inbreaking might happen if we yearned for restoration rather than retribution or revenge?

As Richard Lischer notes in his book, "The End of Words: The Language of Reconciliation in a Culture of Violence," forgiveness always costs someone something. It cost God the Son. As we seek to follow Jesus more closely this Lent, we too are called to extend forgiveness, even though it will inevitably cost us something — our pride, perhaps. Or our need to be right or our desire to see someone get what we think they deserve rather than what our faith calls us to hope for them.

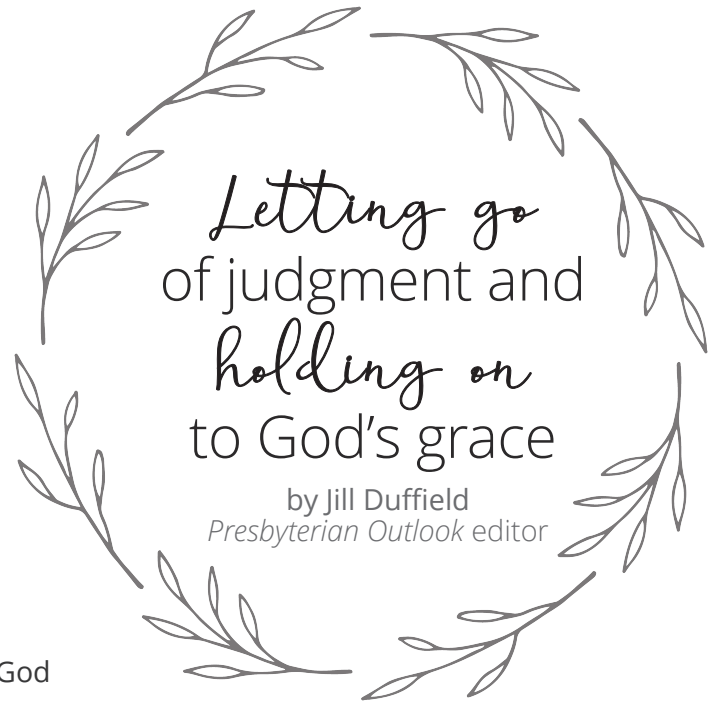
If God does not condemn us, how do we emulate the One we worship, and stop condemning others and instead point them to the saving love of Jesus Christ?

Grace, Alpha and Omega, is difficult for us to stomach. We yearn not so much for universal mercy, but for punishment for others. Instead of celebrating radical transformation, we hold grudges and refuse to believe change is possible. Despite our pettiness and our sin, you refuse to condemn us. You come to save us. May the joyous recognition of such divine mercy shape us into a merciful people. Amen.

Monday | LUKE 6:37-38

What are you struggling to forgive today — in yourself or in others? Why are you holding on to regret or grievances rather than accepting God's forgiveness and opening yourself, your relationships, your communities, to the loving transformation that accompanies grace and mercy? Is there someone you need to contact to either extend or ask for forgiveness? Do it.

Forgiving God, we struggle with patterning our lives after your character. You forgive the most egregious of actions done even to your Son. We refuse to let go of minor affronts and picayune mistakes. We thank you for showing us mercy. We accept your forgiveness, we commit to repentance, we will extend your grace to the world you so love. Amen.



Tuesday | MATTHEW 9:13

Jesus tells us to go and learn what it means that he desires mercy and not sacrifice. What does this mean? In one sentence write down what you think Jesus wants us to learn from this phrase. Now, how do you practice our Savior's admonishment? How can you extend mercy, rather than requiring sacrifices?

Lord Christ, we live in the hope that you came not for the righteous but to save sinners. We know that we are not righteous and are desperately in need of your grace. There is nothing we could do that would be enough to earn your favor or forgiveness. Thanks be to God, you desire mercy and not sacrifice. Amen.

Wednesday | JAMES 4:12

The Book of James refuses to be theoretical about our faith, always calling us back to how our faith should shape our actions and interactions. Notice today how and who and what you judge. Make note of your assumptions and attempt to suspend them. Be open to meeting each person as the beloved child of God they are.

God, you alone are the judge of people and places, circumstances and behaviors. Yet, we constantly assess and render judgment. Help us to pay attention to how we rate, evaluate and respond to what we encounter. Send your Spirit to give us the eyes to see the world through the lens of faith. Amen.

Thursday | ROMANS 8:1-2

Jesus sets us free from sin and death. Truly, nothing can separate us from the love of God. Nothing. Sit with this astonishing truth for a few minutes. We are not destined to languish in the consequences of sin. In this very moment, in every moment, you are united to God. Remember this truth today.

Liberating God, you set us free to live without fear and in bold faith. Let nothing keep us from lavish generosity, obvious praise, over-the-top joy. May our gregarious living garner the attention of those around us so that we can offer our testimony and tell of your wondrous deeds of power. May our audacious hope be contagious and draw others to you. Amen.

Friday | ROMANS 3:21-25a

There is no distinction among us because all of us are sinners. Think about all the categories we put people in, all the distinctions we think so important. Now, imagine all those distinctions erased and everyone utterly equal before God. How does this change your perception of yourself and others?

We put people in categories, Lord of All, and then we rank them, treat them differently, act as if some are better or more valuable than others. We forget we all fall short of your glory and need your grace. When we remember, we are humbled and chastened. Thankfully, you give us countless opportunities to repent and do better. Amen.

Saturday | 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-10

More than even your vocation, your holy calling entails the core value or values you want to live in faithfulness and glory to God. It bears witness to Jesus Christ and reflects your God-created uniqueness. Write down your moral framework, that which shapes your decisions and remains evident and consistent in your life. Does it reflect and reveal Jesus?

Lord, you enlist us to do your work in the world, to reveal your will and reflect your character. You set us apart for divine purposes, not because we are worthy, but because you are good. Shape us in ways that show the world who you are, whose we are and how you want us to live together. Amen.

At the tomb, Jesus called, "Lazarus, come out!" And he did! Lazarus was alive again!

Connect the dots.
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Children's Worship Bulletin™



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March 29, 2020 • John 11:1-45

Jesus Raises Lazarus

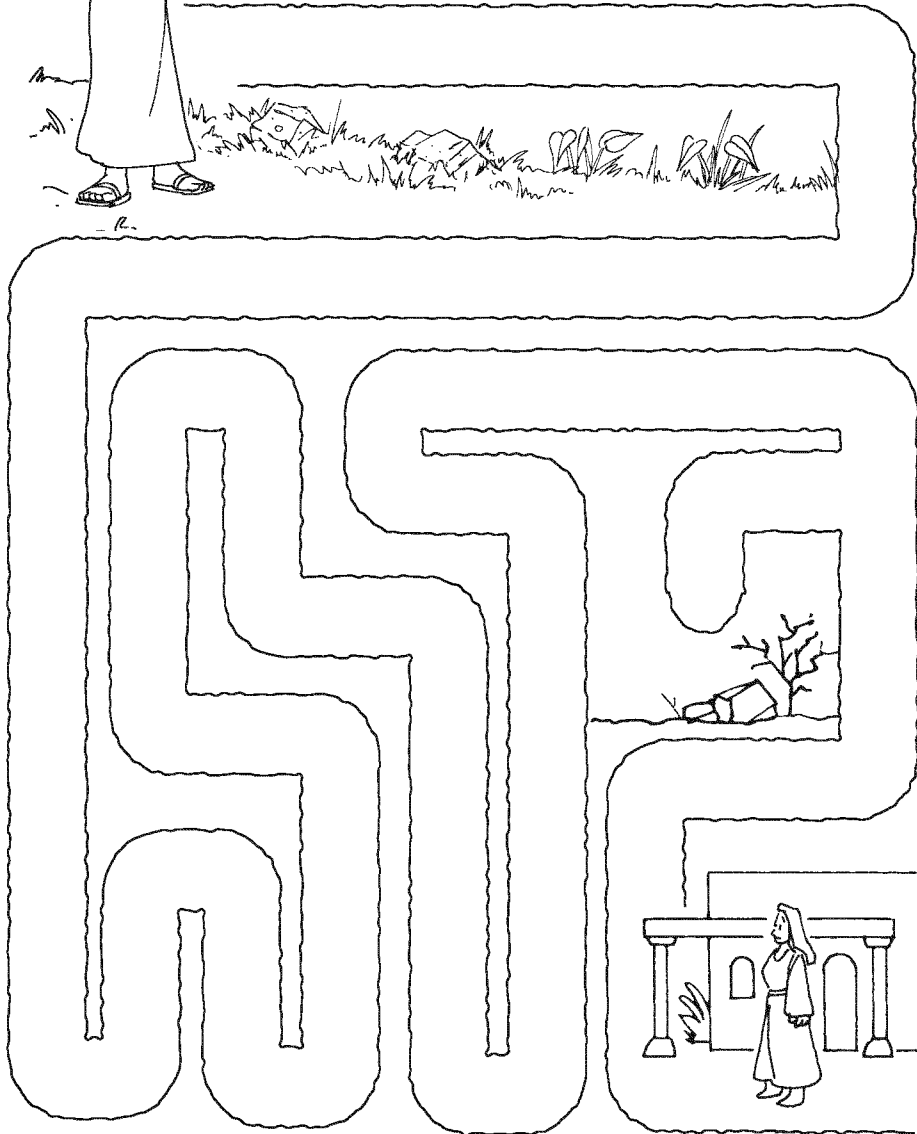
Lazarus was a friend of Jesus.
He became very sick and died.

Circle the hidden objects.



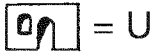
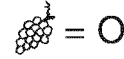
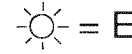
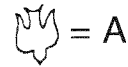
Jesus went to Lazarus' house.

Help Jesus get to Lazarus' house.



Jesus said, "Lazarus will rise again."
What did Jesus do?

Use the code to fill in the vowels.



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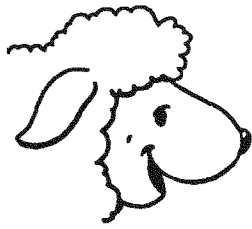


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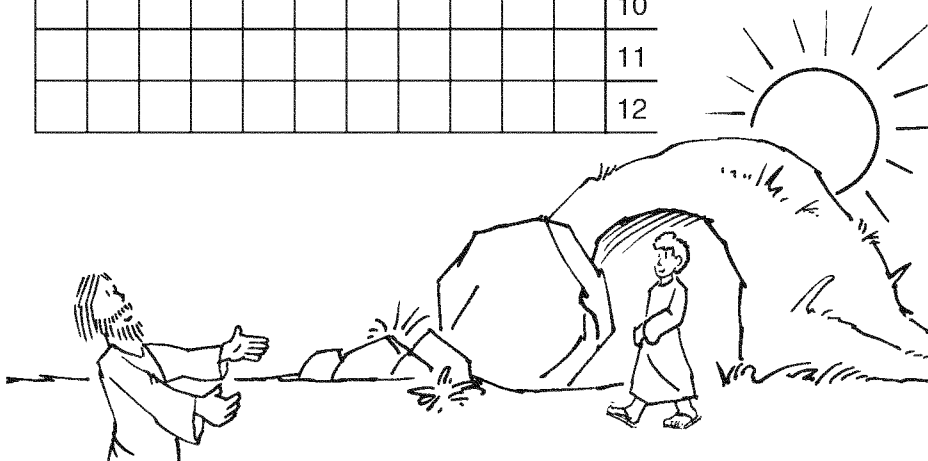


Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus. He told the people to take away the stone that closed the entrance. He prayed to God and then said, "Lazarus, come out!" What happened next?

Color the spaces to find the answer.

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 2: C E G 8: A B E F G I J 12: A B E F G I J
 3: C D E G H 9: A C F I K
 4: C E G 10: A C F I K

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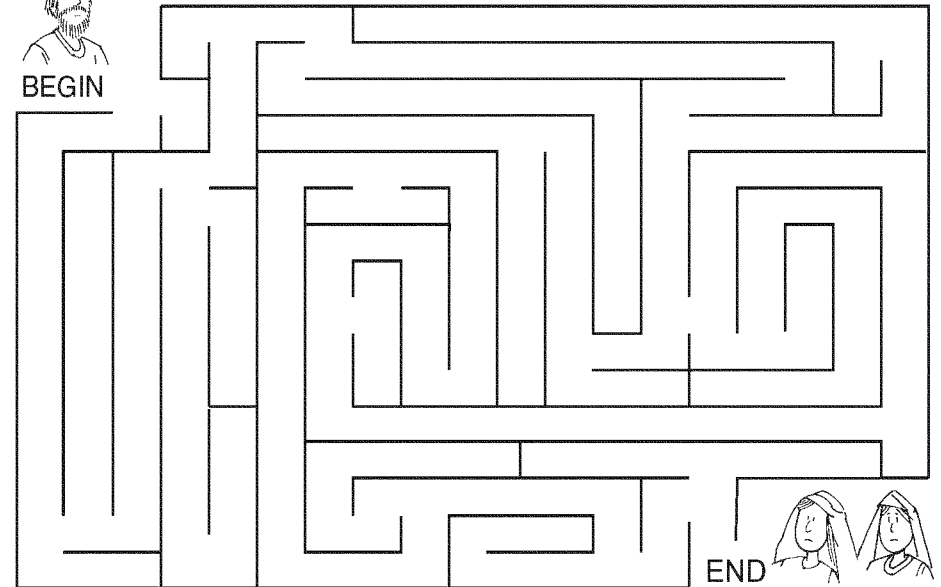
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Jesus Raises Lazarus

A man named Lazarus was sick.
 His sisters, Mary and Martha, sent word to Jesus. ...
 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ...
 But before Jesus got to them, Lazarus died.

Help Jesus find the way to Mary and Martha.



When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,
 she went out to meet Him. ...

Martha said to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give You whatever You ask."

In each group, circle the word that does not rhyme. Then write the circled words in order on the lines below.

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Your

Hour

Flour

Power

moth

sloth

cloth

broth

brother

will

well

sell

tell

bell

clothes

toes

rose

rise

flows

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again

fend

mend

Jesus said to her, "_____."



Then what did Jesus say to Martha?

Use the code to find John 11:25-26.

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