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**“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”**

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**Litany Trusting God’s Grace In Jesus Christ – Psalm 116**

Pastor: Today as we share our Lenten journey, as we also continue our journey through these very different days, we take hold of the renewing power and grace in Jesus who quenches our every thirst, so we worship in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, forgive me. Quench my every thirst for you, renew me, wash me, cleanse me, I pray.**

Pastor: People of God: The Lord knows our transgressions; our sin is ever before him. We have sinned against God alone. Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins and those times we have failed to quench God’s thirst for us to believe, for us to be faithful. *(silence for reflection)* Dear friends: The Lord has created in you a clean heart, renewed your thirst for Jesus, and put a new and right spirit in you. Today, surrender your worry and guilt; empty yourself of all that consumes you. Receive anew the steadfast love of the Lord in these words: Jesus is forever with us, here and now; Jesus saves; Jesus forgives you all your sins. Thirst anew for the One who forever thirsts to change your heart!

**Song of Absolute Trust “Change My Heart, O God”**

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.**

**You are the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.**

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Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.**

**All: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. Cast me not away from thy presence; take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, quench my thirst for you, fill me with your willing spirit, change my heart once again!**

Pastor: Friends in Christ: The Lord thirsts for you, making you whiter than snow. Grace endures, bringing God’s people together. God is thirsty for each of you; graciously thirsting to change our hearts!

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**Prayer of The Day**

**All: Almighty and loving God, through your faithfulness, you broke into our troubled world through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. In our weakness, we have failed to quench your thirst for our faithfulness, and to surrender to you. By your grace and Holy Spirit, create in us clean hearts, unbind us, move every stone that gets in our way, breathe life into us and our dry bones, renew us and fill us, change our hearts once again to thirst for you alone. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

**Hearing The Word of God**

**Old Testament Lesson      Ezekiel 37:1-14      (all read bold print)**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “**O Lord God, you know.**” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: **I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.** I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.” So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophecy, and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, **O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.**” (NRSV)

**New Testament****Romans 8:6-11****(all read bold print)**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. **But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.** Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, **he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.** (New Revised Standard Version)

**Gospel Acclamation****“Jesus Messiah”***Tomlin*

vs. 1 **He became sin, who knew no sin;  
That we might become His righteousness;  
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.**

ref: **Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners, The Ransom from heaven;  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.**

bridge: **All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You;  
All the glory to You, God, The Light of the world. (refrain)**  
**Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.  
The Lord of all! The Lord of all.**

**Gospel****John 11:1-26, 41-45****(all read bold print)**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after hearing that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “**Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not on them.**” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” When Jesus arrived, he found Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near

Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?**" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ... So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, 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.**" Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. (New Revised Standard Version)

### **Statement of Faith During Lent Based on Psalm 116:1-11**

**All: I love the Lord because he has heard my voice  
and my supplications.  
Because he inclined his ear to me,  
Therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
The snares of death encompassed me;  
The pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.  
Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
"O Lord, I beseech thee, save my life!"  
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.  
The Lord preserves the simple;  
When I was brought low, he saved me.  
Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.  
For you have delivered my soul from death,  
My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;  
I walk before the Lord in the land of the living. I kept my faith,  
Even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted";  
Even when I said in fear, "No one can be trusted." Amen.**

**Children's Sermon** *(see the coloring sheets on our website and Facebook page)*

**Sermon**            "**A Thirst Quenched!**"            **Pastor Jamie Thompson**  
*(see the sermon notes following the end of the service)*

## **Song That Quenches Anew Every Thirst “Wade in the Water”**

ref: **Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,  
Wade in the water, God’s gonna trouble the water.**

vs. 1 **See that host all dressed in white,  
God’s gonna trouble the water.  
The leader looks like the Isra’lite,  
God’s gonna trouble the water. (refrain)**

vs. 3 **Look over yonder, what do I see  
God’s gonna trouble the water.  
The Holy Ghost a-comin’ on me.  
God’s gonna trouble the water. (refrain)**

vs. 4 **If you don’t believe I’ve been redeemed,  
God’s gonna trouble the water.  
Just follow me down to Jordan’s stream,  
God’s gonna trouble the water. (refrain)**  
  
**God’s gonna trouble the water.  
God’s gonna trouble the water.**

### **Sharing Prayer, sung response “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”**

Pastor: As God’s people, gifted to trust and to call on God’s simple, renewing, power and grace,  
let us pray for the needs of all God’s people. . . (*insert your own prayer petitions here*)

Pastor: ... as we pray to you, Jesus,

**All sing: Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see we need, grant to us we pray, for into your  
hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your  
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

**All: 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 trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Song Proclaiming The Name Who Thirsts For Us “What a Beautiful Name”**

**You were the Word at the beginning,  
One with God the Lord Most High.  
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in You, our Christ.  
What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.**

**You didn't want heaven without us,  
So Jesus, You brought heaven down.  
My sin was great, Your love was greater;  
What could separate us now?  
What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this.  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.  
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.**

**Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You.  
You silence the boast of sin and grave.  
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory  
For You are raised to life again.**

**You have no rival, You have no equal.  
Now and forever God, You reign.  
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory,  
Yours is the Name above all names.**

**What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is,  
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King.  
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.**

**What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.  
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.**

### **Strengthened to Live Today, and All Our Days, In The Grace of Christ**

**Pastor:** Friends, return to The Lord your God with all your heart; take hold of the simple, renewing power of God's saving Word and grace! The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**Song of Enduring Grace & Hope “One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)” Johnson**

vs. 1 **Higher than the mountains that I face.  
Stronger than the power of the grave.  
Constant in the trial and the change.  
One thing remains, one thing remains.**

ref: **Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me.  
Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me.  
Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me. Your love.**

vs. 2 **On and on and on and on it goes.  
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.  
And I never, ever have to be afraid.  
One thing remains, one thing remains. (refrain)**

bridge: **In death, in life, I’m confident and covered by the pow’r  
Of Your great love.  
My debt is paid; there’s nothing that can separate my heart  
From Your great love. (repeat, then refrain)**

***During these truly different and challenging times,  
we at Lord of Life are committed to praying for you and to serving you and your loved ones!  
Please let us know if Pastor Jamie can serve you or support you in any way!  
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***We hope having the service provided for you in this way, will touch you, comfort you, reassure you, and grace you in some way! If you believe others you know would be blessed in any way to receive this bulletin and the sermon notes that follow, please forward this to them. If you know someone who might be blessed to receive our daily devotions, you can forward those, too, or you can email Pastor Jamie and he will have Marne add them to our contacts.***

***As Palm Sunday and Holy Week approach next week, watch for Lord of Life to provide unique and creative opportunities to still have us experience these blessed days before us, including some form of online worship, and more!***

***In this time of social distancing, please trust that we are committed to doing everything possible to slow the spread of the coronavirus, and yet, please also trust that we are equally committed to keeping us socially and spiritually connected!***

***On behalf of the very Kingdom of God, thank you for the many ways you make God first!***

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**"A THIRST QUENCHED!"-THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 29, 2020 - EZEKIEL 37:1-14; ROMANS 8:6-11; JOHN 11:1-45  
Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.**

**What quenches your thirst? Does it matter what you are thirsty for? Have you ever tried water, pop, something else, and nothing seems to quench that thirst? In the midst of these very different days, many of us find ourselves at times thirsting for health, purpose, support, drive, stability, certainty, assurance, endurance, connections, togetherness, hope, and more. What is your spirit thirsty for? As our Lenten journey continues through those seven simple, powerful, renewing last words of Jesus on the cross, we remember the fifth time Jesus speaks: "I thirst." As we revisit in our Gospel the great story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead, we see like Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, Jesus quenches our every thirst, our thirst for the breath of life, for freedom from doubt and want and worry, for relationships and compassion and salvation. Jesus was nearing the end of his time on the cross, and still he thirsted. Our Lenten journey is nearing its end for this year, may we stay thirsty, thirsty for Jesus, thirsty for the One who thirsts for us to believe him, to trust he quenches our every thirst!**

1. In the grace of Jesus, a thirst is quenched for life, real life.  
Ezekiel 37:3-9,14; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:25-26
  - A. What was dead is alive, what is dead has been buried, what is alive is given new life.
  - B. To quench the thirst for life, you need to be able to breathe.
  - C. God is forever giving life and breath to our dry bones and spirit. In Jesus' last breaths, he gives breath, he breathes in life, he breathes in The Spirit; Jesus breathes life into us; Jesus breathes The Spirit into us!
  
2. In the grace of Jesus, a thirst is quenched for freedom.
  - A. Jesus quenches our thirst for faith and assurance, to be free from doubt, want and worry. John 11:21
  - B. Jesus quenches our thirst, to free us from every stone that gets in our way, including those stones we are dealing with these days, stones of: fear, uncertainty, loneliness, emptiness, depression, worry, insecurity, and more. Whatever stones you are facing these days, trust anew they have no chance of holding you back! If Jesus would not allow a stone to hold back his beloved friend, Lazarus, from calling him forth, and being raised to new life, trust anew, every stone you face will be moved away, too!  
John 11:39

- C. Jesus quenches our thirst for faith and light, to free us from doubt and darkness.  
John 11:40
  - D. Jesus quenches our thirst to hear Jesus' call, to free us from searching through all the voices. John 11:43
  - E. Jesus quenches our thirst to be free from all that has a hold on us, keeping us bound.  
John 11:44
3. In the grace of Jesus, a thirst is quenched to matter, belong, be saved.
- A. Jesus quenches our thirst for relationships. These days, we may be socially distant, and yet, we are still spiritually connected. People came to support Martha and Mary. We are God's people, too! John 11:18
  - B. Jesus quenches our thirst for compassion. Jesus wept.  
John 11:35-38
  - C. Jesus quenches our thirst for life, for salvation, hope. The One who is faithful, raises up and calls forth faith anew in one and all!  
John 11:5-7,15-17,25-27
4. Jesus on the cross announces his thirst. Sour wine did not quench his thirst. His is still thirsty. What for? For you! For you to trust him, to surrender to him, to step towards him, to answer him, to call on him, to believe in him, to worship him, to thirst for him! Trust anew the One who is present now and always, thirsts for you to know you are not alone. Believe anew, there is still time this day, as our Lenten journey continues this year, for Jesus to have his thirst quenched, his thirst for you! John 11:25-26, 40, 45; John 19:28