

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday in Lent

**PRELUDE**      *Happy the Home When God is There*      John Johnson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**      John Ranson

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Some of us come to worship today, weary and worn, heavy with all the circumstances that are too much to bear alone.

**We gather to travel God's redemption road together.**

Some of us come to worship today, dry and thirsty, longing for relief and peace from the troubles that surround us.

**We gather to travel God's redemption road together.**

Some of us come to worship today with stories to tell of little resurrections, moments of new life that sprang up when we least expected them.

**We gather to travel God's redemption road together.**

Beloved, whatever we bring with us to worship today, God welcomes us and calls us to work together as we travel God's redemption road together.

**We gather to be truth-tellers and life-bringers as we travel God's redemption road together. Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.*

### \*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

God of mercy, we come to you dry and lifeless, seeking your breath of life. Lead us to the place where our hopes lie buried and call us out from the tombs of despair. Call forth our faith that, with Martha, we may know you to be the resurrection and the life, in this world and the world to come. Amen.

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**\*OPENING HYMN**      *"This is a Day of New Beginning"*      UMH #383

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**      Ezekiel 37:1-14

**CHILDREN'S TIME**      The Power of Wind

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**      Ephesians 5:8-14

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**      "What Mt Vernon UMC Means to Me"

**ALDERSGATE CHOIR**      *"I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"*

**GOSPEL LESSON**      John 11:1-16, 34-45

**SERMON**      "The Breath of God Brings Life"      Rev. Penny G Rasnake

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**      A Modern Affirmation      UMH # 885

### GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

**OFFERTORY**      *Lamb of God, Pure and Spotless*      J.S. Bach

**\*DOXOLOGY**      UMH #95

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      *"Grace Greater Than All My Sins"*      UMH #365

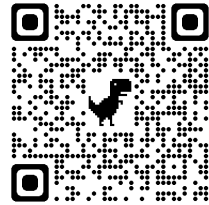
### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

**POSTLUDE**      *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*      arr: Todd Kendall

*\*Please stand as you are able*

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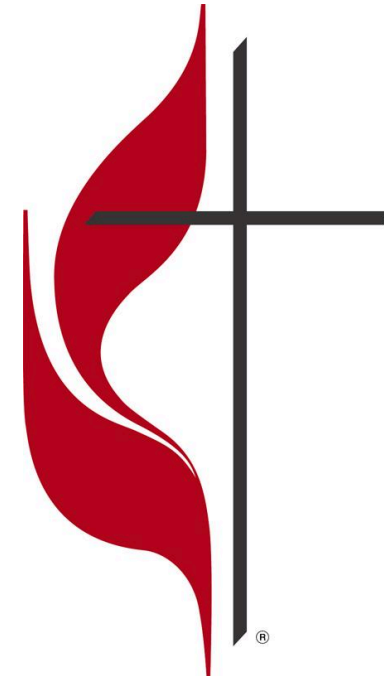
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