

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

*You are invited to stand in body or spirit, as you are able.

Pre-Service Music

Please take this time to write any prayer requests you may have on the prayer cards in the pews. They will be received during the offering and shared during prayers of the people.

Opening Video *The Journey of Lent* Screen

Greeting The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

***Call to Worship** (screen) Sharon Bordak, Liturgist

LEADER: Lazarus, though dead, was called to life by Jesus.

PEOPLE: May we be called to the light of righteousness.

LEADER: As others witnessed this resurrection, they believed in Jesus.

PEOPLE: May we, who have heard, believe in the power of Jesus to conquer our fears and doubts.

LEADER: Praise be to God who has given us Jesus.

PEOPLE: Praise be to Jesus who has given us life. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn** *Blessed Assurance* #369

***Opening Prayer** (screen)

Healing and Empowering God, we are sometimes so sure that things will not work out, we doubt even your ability to put things right in our lives. We lack such faith. But Jesus came to show us that our most dreaded enemy--death--can be overcome by faith. Heal our doubts and our longings for assurance and give us spirits of trust and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen

Passing of the Peace

Community Connections

Children's Message

Receiving God's Tithes and Prayers

Offertory *O the Blood* Screen

***Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

***Offertory Prayer** (screen)

Almighty and restoring God, we have been living through some difficult days, as churches and as individuals. We experience days when we rise, wondering if we will make it through one more day, whether the church will survive for another generation; and we feel like those dry bones in the valley. As we offer our tithes and offerings, help us to hear the word of hope the prophet shares, not just with our ears but with our hearts. May it call us back to life and service, out of the graves of despair in which we have buried ourselves. In Christ's holy name. Amen.

***Hymn of Reflection** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* #297

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (screen)

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.

Scripture *John 11:38-44* Screen

Sermon *Let Us Be Free* Rev. Lori Reyes

***Closing Hymn** *Nothing but the Blood* #362

***Mission Statement** (screen)

Leader: We are a community called to worship and glorify God by

**People: Bringing People to Christ,
Growing People in Christ,
And Serving People for Christ.**

Leader: This is our mission.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

Postlude

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The pastor-on-call is available outside of regular office hours for those experiencing true emergencies, such as a critical hospitalization or urgent physical, emotional or spiritual need.

To inquire about services that the church offers, such as joining the church, transferring membership, confirmation, baptism or any other questions or information, please call the church office during business hours.

***** Office Hours are Mon– Friday from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm *****

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

EASTER SHARE-A-MEAL

Share-a-Meal donations give the opportunity to dedicate the special gift in honor or memory of a designated person(s). The donations collected are used to help to provide financial gifts to members of our church community this Easter. **Donation deadline: TODAY.**



APRIL SERVICE CLUB

All are welcome to join us for our **next meeting Sunday, April 2nd at immediately after worship.**

Lunch will not be provided, please bring a sack lunch.

In addition to our regular activities, we will be assembling 28 Easter baskets to gift to some of our Emilie family. If you would like to help provide goodies for the Easter gifts, please bring up to 28 small items or candy to add to the baskets. Note: all baskets will be gifted to adults. Items can be placed in the collection bin in the narthex or dropped off in the church office during normal business hours. Deadline to drop off items is Sunday, April 2nd.



TRENTON THUNDER FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

SATURDAY, JULY 29TH, 2023
(6:30PM)

-FIREWORKS NIGHT-

Take me out to the ball game! Emilie UMC is partnering with Trenton Thunder baseball to offer this fun summer fellowship opportunity. Contact the Church office to reserve your tickets & join your church family at the game (tickets are \$8 per person).

SAVE THE DATES

April 2—April Service Club (following worship)

April 7-10—Church Office Closed

April 29—Day School Flea Market, 8am-1pm

May 7—Ryan's 25th Anniversary Celebration



PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2023, 10:00AM

Palm Sunday recalls an event in The New Testament of Jesus entering Jerusalem and being greeted by the people waving palm branches. It is a reminder of the welcoming of Jesus into our hearts and our willingness to follow him.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 6, 2023, 7:00PM

Maundy Thursday is the Christian holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter. It commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles.

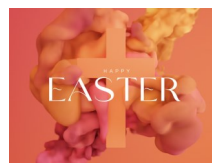


GOOD FRIDAY PORTRAITS IN GRACE CANTATA

APRIL 7, 2023, 7:00PM

Join Emilie's Sanctuary Choir and Friends on Good Friday for the cantata *Portraits in Grace*. We will take our final steps to the cross with this musical gallery of faith displaying the life, ministry, and passion of Jesus.

A small consort of instrumentalists will accompany the evening.



EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9, 2023

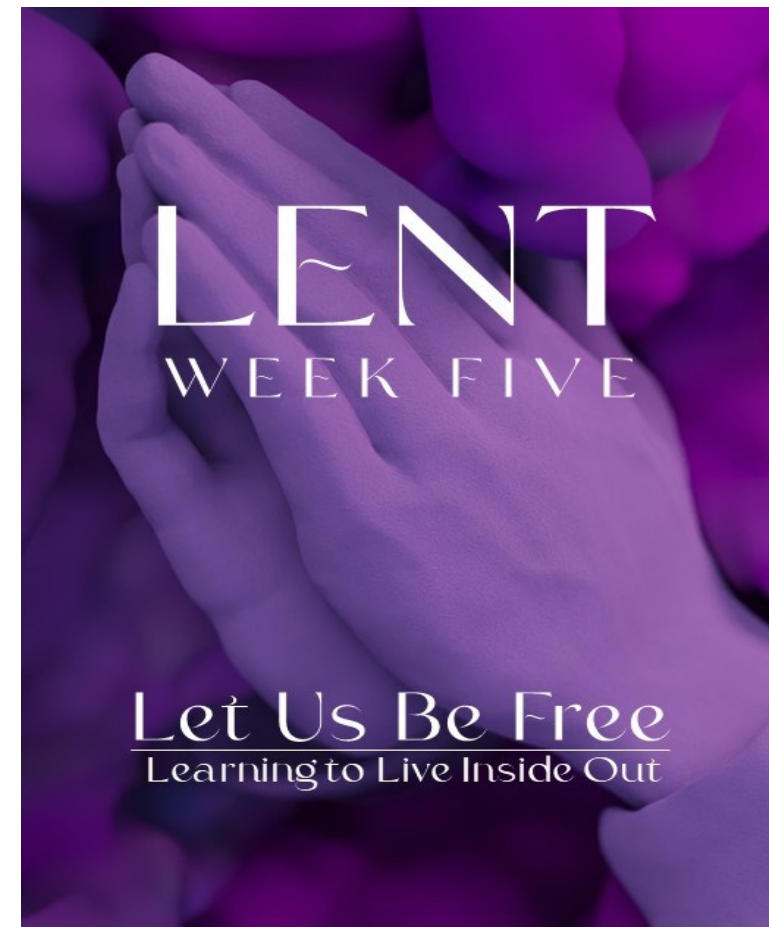
6:00AM—SUNRISE SERVICE IN CEMETERY

10:00AM—SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY
& LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK

No Sunday School or evening youth groups on Easter

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CELEBRATING 160 YEARS OF WORSHIP,
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March 26, 2023



BRINGING PEOPLE TO CHRIST,
GROWING PEOPLE IN CHRIST,
SERVING PEOPLE FOR CHRIST.