



**Fifth Sunday in Lent
Rev. Dr. Barbara Booth-Jarmon
March 22, 2026
9:30am**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering of the People

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Come, people of God, from places of weariness and waiting.

People: **We come longing for new life**

Liturgist: The Spirit of the Lord breathes upon dry bones and brings life

People: **The voice of Christ calls us out of the tomb.**

Liturgist: Come and worship the God who restores, renews, and resurrects

People: **We come to worship the Lord of life!**

*GATHERING SONGS

"Jesus, I Come (Out of My Bondage)"

William Sleeper and Greg Thompson

"Holy Lamb Of God"

Yusuf Khill

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even though God offers us life, we often dwell among the dry bones of fear, doubt, and sin. Let us confess our sins before God, trusting in God's mercy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life and breath, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see the places within us that are dry and brittle, the valleys we try to avoid. Merciful God, we confess that we resist your Spirit. We cling to what is familiar, even when it leads to death. We hold on to grudges that bind us, fears that paralyze us, habits that entomb us. We confess that we do not always trust your timing. When you seem delayed, we lose heart. When prayers go unanswered, we grow weary. When grief overwhelms us, we forget that you weep with us. Yet still, O God, you stand at the edge of our tombs. You call us by name. You command life where we see only death.

Silent Confession

Forgive us, we pray. Speak your word into our emptiness. Breathe your Spirit into our dust. Call us out of all that confines us. Roll away the stones we cannot move. Loose the bonds that hold us captive. Restore us as your living people, that we may stand on our feet—renewed, restored, and ready to follow you. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, and who calls us from death into life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, by your Spirit open our ears to hear your word, open our hearts to receive it, and open our lives to respond in faith. Breathe your truth into us and call us into life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Ezekiel 37:1-14
John 11:1-45

p. 857
p. 1063

SERMON

"When God Feels Late"

Pastor Barbara

Responding to the Word

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Were You There?"

Traditional

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in God,
who breathes life into creation and raises what was dead to life again.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
the resurrection and the life, who calls us out of our tombs and sets us free.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who moves among us,
restoring hope, renewing strength, and forming us into a living people.**

**We believe that nothing—not even death—
can separate us from the love of God. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

God has given us life and breath and all that we have. Let us offer our gifts in gratitude, that others may know the life God gives.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of resurrection, use these gifts to bring life where there is need, hope where there is despair, and freedom where there is bondage. In Christ's name, Amen.

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***SENDING HYMN**

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Announcements

Prayer Concerns - If you are worshipping with us online, please use the chat feature to type your prayers and we will include your concerns.

Open Sanctuary during Lent: During the season of Lent, the sanctuary will be open on Wednesdays from 5.15 to 6p for silent prayer and reflection. Feel free to come in anytime during those 45 minutes and stay as long as you'd like.

Maundy Thursday Service: April 2, 7:00 p.m. at KMPC

Good Friday Service: April 3, 7:00pm at Titusville church.

Food Ministry: Saturday is our Easter Giveaway. If you are donating a ham we need it by Thursday, Mar. 26 before 1pm.

Thursday Lunch: You are invited to join other KMPC members for lunch at 11:30am on Thursdays at Orlando's Café located at 310 NJ-31 S, Hopewell, NJ 08525. This is an informal group and the only thing on the agenda is fellowship.

Staff Vacation: Pastor Barbara will be on vacation April 6-16. Elder Mark Van Bruggen will lead our worship service on April 12. Chris will be off on Wed., April 15.

Save the date Old Rocks Ladies Tea, Saturday, April 18th, 10 am. Pearl S. Bucks adopted daughter, Julie Henning will be speaking. No charge, donations appreciated. 📧 RSVP needed, seating limited. Let Norma know by April 4th if you can attend.

Craft Event: On April 26 after worship we are offering a craft event. We will have a light lunch and then be creative. Lunch, craft supplies & directions are all included in the \$15 cost. RSVP: to Kim or Norma, we are limited to 12 people

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