



*The Death & Raising of Lazarus*  
*John 11:1-44*

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

## **St. Andrew's United Church**

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**\*Those who are able, please stand as marked**

*The St. Andrew's family warmly welcomes all visitors and newcomers!  
If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please sign our Guest  
Book in the Narthex and join us for coffee and snacks after service.*

## Musical Prelude

## Announcements

### WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

#### \*Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Jesus Comes to Me as a Winter Tree (lyrics on screen)*

#### \*Share the Peace of Christ

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Return to me will all your hearts, says the Lord!

**C: We are lost! Help us to find our way back to you, O God.**

L: Christ has made all things new. Faith is all that is needed.

**C: We are lost! Help us strengthen our faith, O God.**

L: Stop pretending humans know all the answers. Humble hearts is what God desires.

**C: We are lost! Help us strip away the layers of pride and pretense, O God.**

L: New life in Christ is waiting for all those who believe.

**C: We are lost! Help us fully open our hearts to you, O God.**

#### \*Opening Hymn: VU 375 – *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (vs 1-4)*

*(lyrics on screen)*

### OPENING PRAYER

*(in-unison)*

**God in whom we live and move and have our being;**

**We praise you, in the face of all that wearies us and worries us;  
your Word echoes across the centuries with hope.**

**As we follow the footsteps of Jesus in this Lenten season,  
his Cross standing before us, we trust you are never far from our  
sorrows; walking with us; sharing our tears. You stand beside us  
when we don't know which way to turn. In this time of worship,  
renew our trust in your resurrection promises. Draw near to us  
when we need you the most, with love that will never let us go.  
We offer you our wonder and our praise as you are the Creating  
God; the Leading Christ; the Inspiring Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

The Old Testament

**Ezekiel 37:1-4**

*The valley of dry bones*

**Psalm 130**

*Out of the depths I cry to God*

The New Testament

**The Gospel of St. John 11:1-44**

*The raising of Lazarus*

*(response after The Lessons)*

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn: VU 378 – Spirit, of God, Descend upon My Heart (vs 1-4)**

*(lyrics on screen)*

**Sermon – Didn't See This Coming!**

Rev. Scott Brown

**\*Hymn: VU 382 – Breathe on Me, Breath of God (vs 1-4)**

*(lyrics on screen)*

## WE RESPOND IN LOVE

**Offering**

**Offering Dedication: MV 191 – What Can I Do?**

*(lyrics on-screen)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(responsively)*

**“Merciful God, hear your people praying.”**

## **COMMISSIONING** *(in unison)*

We go forth into the world remembering the One who calls us, even in the places of despair and darkness remembering that Jesus comes to all, calling us to rise.

We go forth to bring hope to the sorrowing, light to those in depression and life where there is death.

We go forth now with hearts unbound, ready to witness to God's power and love, knowing that wherever we are the Holy Spirit is with us at all times.

We go forth now to complete our Lenten journey.

## **BLESSING**

May God who has forgiven us makes us strong for these days ahead.

May Jesus lead us, and may we be found faithful to follow.

May the Holy Spirit burn away the chaff in our lives and purify our hearts for all to see and be blessed. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn: VU 376 – *Spirit of the Living God* (vs 1-2)**

*(Lyrics on screen)*

*Thank you*

### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Scott Brown – Presider

Vince Anderson – Lead Musician

Robert Woodbury – Cantor

Maureen DeRegt – Scripture Reader

### **Technical Support**

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