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**This week’s Sermon Theme**:

**The scriptures for today are not about death – but about life! Ezekiel has a vision of a valley of dry bones, which could lead to despair, but God has a resurrection plan. In the gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. What a blessing to know that God is in control, always bringing life to us and raising every part of this world, to Live again!** 

 ***“Working Together with All to Connect to God’s Love.”***

 **Horseheads First United Methodist Church**

 **Fifth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2023**

**Greeting and Announcements**

{as this service begins, please use the white prayer cards on the pew back in

front of you if you want something read aloud from the pulpit. During our first

hymn, the Ushers will collect cards to be read aloud.

**Prelude** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say          arr. by Paul Tate

**\*Call to Worship**

L. Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

We are learning to follow Jesus.

**P. The journey is long, and the burden of our sins and struggles feels so heavy.**

**Yet we will hope in God because with God, there is steadfast love.**

L. All around us, we witness neighbors and communities who are lifeless, despairing that they could ever be revived.

Yet God tells us that to come back to life, we must come together.

**P. Year after year of change and struggle have taken their toll—how can anyone bring forth life when we feel so parched and tired?**

**Yet God meets the lifeless with the breath of life, reviving us again to worship and follow God’s way.**

**All. Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!**

 **We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.**

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**\*Hymn** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #384

**\*Unison Prayer**

God, you created us in your own image and loved us regardless of our race

and tribe. You said in 1 John 44:20, “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.’”

We seek your forgiveness, dear God, because we have lied to our brothers

and sisters, saying that we love them when, in fact, we have often remained separated. Dear Jesus, help us love one another regardless of race or tribe.

Teach us to love unconditionally. Teach us to know that through Jesus Christ

we are one tribe, one race, and one in Christ.

We thank you, Lord, that you loved us first. May your grace enable us to love one another. In Jesus Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

**Joys and Concerns**

**Silent prayer**

**Pastoral prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer** [on screen] Page 895

**Children’s Time** Jeff McDowell

**Psalter 848** (Psalm 130, with sung response)

**Gift of Music** Nearer, Still Nearer                    arr. by Dan Forrest

**Hymn**: Heal Me, Hands of Jesus #262

**Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14**  Page 806

Leader: The word of God for the People of God

 *People: Thanks be to God!*

**Scripture:** **John 11:17-27 and 38-44** Page 105

 Leader: The word of God for the People of God

 *People: Thanks be to God!*

**Sermon: “Rising to Life Again”**

**Offering**
**Offertory Music** Pastoral on “Pleyel’s Hymn”      Van Thompson

**Doxology**

**Prayer**

**\*Hymn**  Just a Closer Walk with Thee  #2158

**\*Benediction**

 [Please feel free to be seated and enjoy the Postlude}

 **Postlude** Ah, Holy Jesus                          arr. by Karrin Ford

 \*indicates please stand

***Sunday School begins at 10:45. Preschool through adult classes are available****.*

 **ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/26 – 4/2/23**

**Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of GOD**

**Church events:**

**3/26/23:** Soup to Go

**3/30/23:** Coffee and Communion at Noon, WR

**Today’s Soup-to-Go is** Pasta e fagioli and white chicken chili.

**Sunday Schoo**l every Sunday at 10:45

**Bible Study** every Monday at 6:30pm.

**Karren’s Clothing Cupboard** is Tuesday from 10am-1pm and Thursday from

1-4pm

**Tai Chi** is every Wednesday at 10am

**Bells and Choir** every Saturday at 2pm and 3pm

A new **Bridge News** is in the Narthex every two weeks. The theme for this Bridge is “State of the Church”.

**Coffee & Communion:** Every Thursday in March, from noon to 12:30 Pastor Jeff will be hosting “coffee & communion” in our redecorated Wesley Room (formerly the Parlor). A simple form of communion around the table with a devotional will be offered and you can stay to chat with me at 12:30. Bring your lunch if you like. Coffee and fixings will be provided. We are reading from the words of Henri Nouwen. {Our Library has many books by him. This is a great time to check a book out of our Church Library}.

**Good Friday Meditation Walk:** 6am to 6pm, Friday, April 7th. You will begin your Meditation Walk in the Wesley room just off the Narthex, following the room numbers on the top of the doors and reading the map you will be given. There are fifteen separate stations to reflect on the passion and death of our Lord. Your journey will begin in the main entrance with seven stations, lead you outside to the prayer garden and back in by another door near our chapel. It will culminate in the chapel, from where you can depart to your home in silent reflection. In the chapel, our pastor or a lay leader will be present to pray with you if you wish. You will be prayed for silently while you take this journey of faith. Know that God has overcome all that is evil and harmful through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ! Sign-up sheets are in the entrance way.

**Health Kit information: The United Women in Faith** will be preparing Health Kits for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) during February and March. Find all information on cart by United Methodist Woman bulletin board by kitchen door. Here is a list of what is needed. Combs, not rat-tail, toothbrushes (in original package), nail clippers or nail files,

bar soaps, not Ivory, hand towels, wash cloths, 6 band-aids, and $2.00 for each kit for toothpaste and postage.

**Holy Week Services to Plan for:**

April 2, Palm Sunday, 9:30, Sanctuary

April 6, Maundy Thursday, 7pm, Chapel

April 7, Good Friday – “Acts” breakfast program at 6:30am at the Clarion Hotel, Elmira

**April 7, Good Friday, 6am-6pm, Guided mediations on the Cross. Signs up in entranceway.**

April 7, Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7pm, Sanctuary

April 9, Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am in Prayer Garden with coffee hour after.

April 9, Easter Service, 9:30, Sanctuary

*Note: The April 7th Good Friday Noon service at Outdoor chapel at Lutheran Church on Westinghouse Rd. has been cancelled.*

49th Annual A.C.T.S.

Good Friday Celebration

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Friday, April 7, 2023

6:30 am ~ Served Breakfast ~ $10 per person

7:15 am   ~  Program  ~  Missions Offering

Breakfast Buffet (After Program) $10 per person

Reservations required for Breakfast & Buffet

Guest Sharer:  Pastor Evan Hanson Pastor serves at the North Presbyterian Church of Elmira. He will share his passion relating to

 “It is Friday…But Sunday is coming”