



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of MADISON



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March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent

ORDER of WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: We worship the One who gives us life, hope, and healing.

People: **We come with our wounded souls, our ailing communities, our troubled nation, and our hurting world.**

Leader: We ask that God will lead us out of discouragement and despair to rise up in courage and love.

(Music for the hymns is in the back of the bulletin.)

*Opening Hymn

To God Be the Glory

Prayer of Confession

God of life, we know the power of death. We have felt its sting. We have been to the valley of despair, and felt like there was no chance for life.

Forgive us for the times when we do not believe in your life-giving power. Help us when we do not believe that you will transform our pain and fashion something beautiful in this world. We cry from the depths—however faint our call may be, we pray you hear our voice.

(Silent confession)

An asterisk(*) indicates that those who are able are invited to stand. Bold letters denote that we say the words in unison. Italic fonts direct us to sing.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Congregational Response #582

Glory to God

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free,
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(You may pass the peace to one another.)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God. As we listen to your word, let our minds land on life and peace. Through Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

John 11:17–44

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out.

They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Life-Giving God

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

from Romans 8

We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

The Gifts of Our Tithes and Offering

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Amen!

***Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Prayers of the People

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn**

Every Time I Feel The Spirit

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins.

We are the church, sent out in Jesus' name,

to be Christ's body in the world.

WORSHIP LEADER

Kathleen Underwood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MADISON!

We'd love for you to join us in our activities, so please fill in the Welcome Card, which can be found in your pew, to give us contact information.

WHILE YOU WORSHIP WITH US:

- **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** - Please write your request for prayers to be included in the service in the book on the podium found at the center entrance of the sanctuary. You'll also have a chance to share them during the service.
- **THE LORD'S SUPPER** is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.
- **FOR YOUNG ONES** - Although children are always welcome in worship, nursery care for children from six months through three years of age is provided in our playroom in the Parish House. Please ask an usher to direct you.
- **JOINING OUR CONGREGATION** - Please speak with Pastor Carol for additional information.
- **GET OUR ENEWS** - Keep current with our news and activities through email. If you are not currently getting it, you can sign up by putting your email on the Welcome Card, or you can contact the church office.

LEARN MORE ABOUT US by visiting our website at www.pcmadison.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ThePresbyterianChurchofMadison.

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LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - MONDAYS THROUGH MARCH 23

Please join us in the Parlor for a Bible Study on Mondays at 6:30 pm, through March 23.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING 2026

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The work done in support of the causes supported by OGHS – disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees – serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Recent disaster recovery efforts have ranged from services for Ukrainian refugees in Moldova to relief from widespread flooding in Ghana. In the US, the PC(USA) provided funds for immediate support to victims of the 2025 California wildfires, as well as ongoing support during the recovery process.

In the area of hunger relief, the PC(USA) works through relationships and partnerships in the United States and around the world, seeking to find out why people are hungry and to encourage action that will help address the underlying causes. These include projects in Haiti, South Sudan, Alabama, and Florida.

Projects in Panama, South Dakota, and Ohio are addressing poverty, including the forces that push people into poverty and keep them there.

OGHS envelopes will be available in worship on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. You may also give directly via the PC(USA) website at pcusa.org/give-oghs, or by texting OGHS to 91999.

ONLINE GIVING

Thank you for supporting the vision and ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Madison. Scan the following QR code to use our secure online giving form to make a one-time donation or conveniently schedule recurring gifts.



Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

RAMP UPDATE

The quarter tube is almost empty, so please continue to save your quarters and help us fill it for the second time this year. RAMP is currently considering a request from Church World Service to accept a family of five currently in NJ in need of better services, as well as a request from one of the current families to help a friend who is struggling. Accepting a family means having enough money to meet their financial needs for at least a year, and enough volunteers to assist them with all the services that will guide them to independence. Aside from this, the chief concern of RAMP presently is ensuring the safety of current families; refugee entry into the US has nearly ceased.

In addition to quarters, individual donations are always welcome – visit rampnj.org to learn more.

SEEING EYE TOWEL COLLECTION FOR PUPPIES

Somehow it's in our genes to clean out when spring comes, and we have the perfect recipient for your unwanted used towels - Seeing Eye puppies!! From March 22 - April 26, please leave your clean, used-but-in-decent-shape bath towels and beach towels in the boxes located in the Narthex and by the church office. No hand towels or wash cloths, please! Each week we'll give the towels to the Seeing Eye's 4 Footed Leaders Group that uses our Fellowship Hall. Contact kathleenunderwood@verizon.net with questions.

ATTEND LENTEN AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

- Each Sunday during Lent at 10:15 am
- Bible Study on Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Parlor
- Palm Sunday, March 29 at 10:15 am
- Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm
(service in the Parlor - soup will be served)
- Easter Sunday, April 5
 - 6:30 am at Hillside Cemetery
 - 10:15 am in the sanctuary - annual Easter Egg Hunt and coffee hour fellowship immediately following worship

PRAYER LIST

During the week, each one of us can make it a part of our daily spiritual practice to pray. You are invited to participate, as you are able, offering prayer in light of God's healing love.

If you have an update for the prayer list, please email Rev. Carol Howard at carolhoward@pcmadison.org or call the church office at 973-377-1600. Thank you for helping us maintain a more current prayer list.

- Tom, Rachel, and their beloved bird Max who is very sick
- Cooky for healing and recovery after a foot injury
- Stan recovering from a very painful spine condition and that his pain can be alleviated and managed
- Friend who is supporting her work team through big job changes
- Jordan for healing and relief from pain
- Wisdom and caring for a friend making a big decision
- Greg, a missionary in Uganda but back in North Carolina for treatment and rehabilitation
- Jackie and her children, as they grieve their husband and father
- Mike for healing and return to good health
- Doug, a friend of the Burnet family, who was recently diagnosed with a serious illness
- Thomas, as he recovers following hospitalization
- Immigrants
- Kathleen, caregiver for her parents
- Joe and his family for comfort and support during a very stressful time
- Susan, sister of Bob Landrigan, as she battles Parkinson's disease

Holy Week *events*



SUN
MARCH **29**

Palm Sunday Service
10:15 am

THURS
APRIL **2**

Maundy Thursday Service
Dinner and Music in the Parlor
7:00 pm

SUN
APRIL **5**

Easter Sunrise Service
Hillside Cemetery
6:30 am
Easter Service
Sanctuary
10:15 am
Easter Egg Hunt
After the service!

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To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. *Fine*

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's

2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so

bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

to Refrain

fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

WELCOMING ALL
AS A LOVING COMMUNITY
CENTERED IN CHRIST,
GROWING IN FAITH,
SERVING IN JOY, AND
LIVING IN GRATITUDE

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WORSHIP

Sunday Service 10:15 am

SESSION

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