

Fairview Presbyterian Church
March 22, 2026 • 5th Sunday in Lent

We Gather Around the Word

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Doug Weaver

Leader: Thus says the Lord, "I will put my breath in you and you will have life."

People: In gratitude, we praise the giver of life.

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life."

People: In gratitude, we praise the Source of our Being.

Leader: We gather to worship the one who unbinds us from our fear and stirs dry bones into life.

People: Spirit, come and stir our hearts, embolden our worship and increase our joy!

OPENING PRAYER

Doug Weaver

Lord, we think we understand power. We admire the successful and the strong. But you show your power in unexpected places, even in places where it seems that no life is possible. Meet us here in this place, we pray and give us the strength to weep with those who weep and to help unbind those called to new life through your word. Amen.

*HYMN# 210 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

CALL TO CONFESSION

To set the mind on the earthly values will not bring about the transformation we seek, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Confession brings renewal by the Spirit. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SUNG RESPONSE(Gloria) #126 "Holy Lord"

Latin

**Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,
Your glory fills the earth, Lord God of Hosts.
Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty,
Your glory fills the earth, Lord God of Hosts.**

We Hear the Word Proclaimed

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Doug Weaver

O Lord, we wait for you, and in your Word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

GOSPEL READING/SERMON: A Conversation Unbound

Part 1 John 11:1-6, 17-27

Hymn of Promise Verse 1

Part 2 John 11:28-37

Hymn of Promise Verse 2

Part 3 John 11:38-44

Hymn of Promise Verse 3

We Respond to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

CALL FOR OFFERING

Our lives testify to the goodness of God. Sharing what we have so abundantly received, we bring now our tithes and offerings to God, with gladness and gratitude.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY#817 "O Bless the Gifts"

Contemporary

**O bless the gifts our hands have brought,
And bless the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought,
The rest, O God is in Your hand. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Carry the Word into the World

*HYMN(insert #728) "Somebody's Knocking at Your Door"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE#237

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

English

**Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, o refresh us,
Traveling thro' this wilderness. Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Until we meet again, may the peace of our Lord be with you. And also with you. Amen.