

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship
5th Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.



*QR Code for Nursery
Sign-In and Out Log*

Desiree Davis-Omburo

Prelude

*Welcome and Announcements
Chiming the Trinity*

Call to Worship—Psalm 27 (the Message)

Sarah Bender

One: I'm asking God for one thing, only one thing:

Many: To live with him in his house my whole life long.

I'll contemplate his beauty; I'll study at his feet.

⁵ That's the only quiet, secure place in a noisy world,

The perfect getaway, far from the buzz of traffic.

⁶ God holds me head and shoulders above all who try to pull me down.

I'm headed for his place to offer anthems that will raise the roof!

Already I'm singing God-songs; I'm making music to God.

⁷⁻⁹ Listen, God, I'm calling at the top of my lungs:

"Be good to me! Answer me!"

When my heart whispered, "Seek God,"

my whole being replied, "I'm seeking him!" Don't hide from me now!

⁹⁻¹⁰ You've always been right there for me; don't turn your back on me now.

Don't throw me out, don't abandon me; you've always kept the door open.

My father and mother walked out and left me, but God took me in...

¹³⁻¹⁴ I'm sure now I'll see God's goodness in the exuberant earth.

Stay with God! Take heart. Don't quit.

I'll say it again: Stay with God and don't lose hope.

The children are invited to go with volunteers to the nursery

Prayer of Confession

Sarah Bender

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We see more death on our screens than good news about life, and so we seem to have more faith in death than in your promise of life. We confess we have participated in death-dealing systems of power and privilege and we have not

been your companions in offering new life to our neighbors. Hold not our sins against us. Revive us, O Lord. Give us assurance of your victory over death. Breathe into us anew and awaken our hearts, souls, and minds to the new life you offer, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness—Feasting on the Word

Sarah Bender

You who are dead, wake up! You who are dry bones, hear the word of the Lord: If Jesus Christ dwells in you through the power of the Holy Spirit, God who gave life to Jesus will give life to your mortal bodies also. Death has been defeated! Be not afraid and get ready for the good future God has for you. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! Amen.

Peace of Christ

At this time, you may greet your neighbor with signs of peace.

† *Opening Hymn*

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

UMH 383

† *Hymn*

"Now the Green Blade Riseth"

UMH 311

Prayer for Illumination

Sarah Bender

Lord, we wait for you. In your Word, we trust. Breathe into these words and into us—make us come alive. Set our hearts and minds on You. Amen.

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

Leader: this is the word of God for us the people of God, **thanks be to God!**

† *The Offering and Choir Anthem* "There Is A Green Hill Far Away" arranged by Bradley Ellingboe



The Doxology (to the tune on UMH 95)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit One.
Amen.**

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† *The Doxology*

Sermon

Pastor Adam

† *Closing Hymn*

"Lord of the Dance"

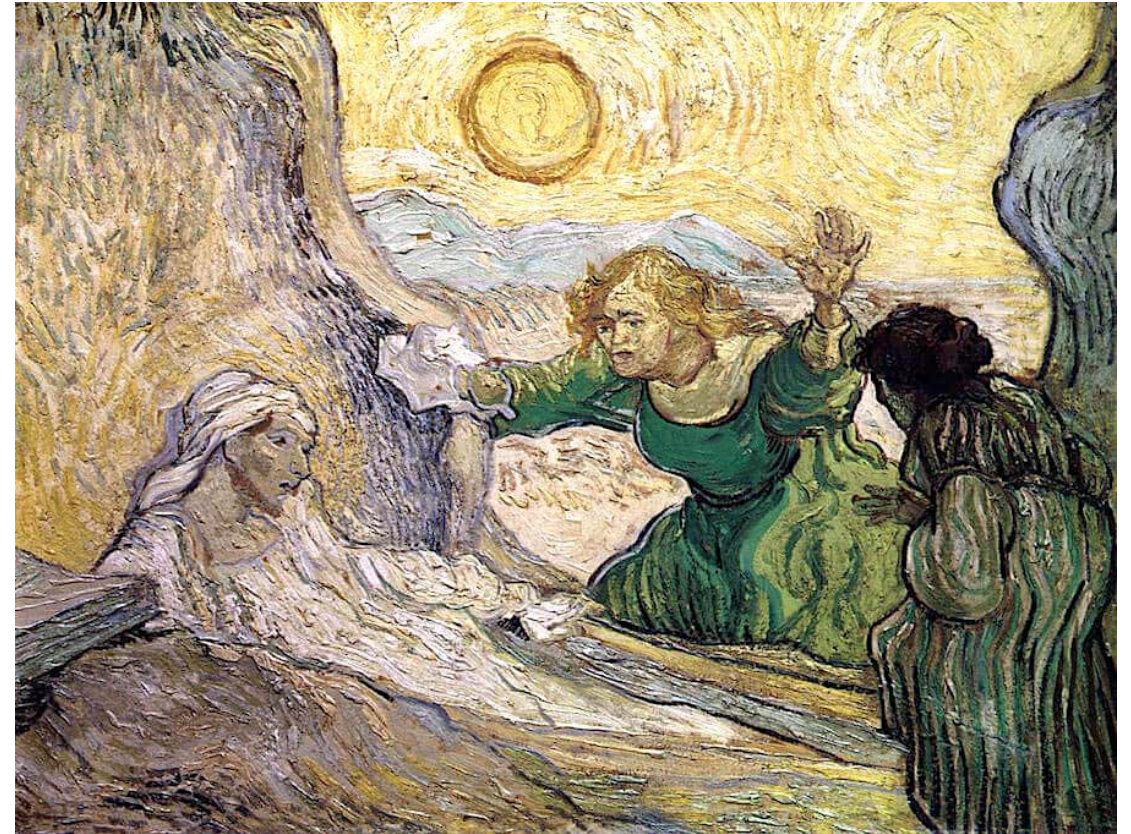
UMH 261

† *Benediction*
† *Chiming the Trinity*
† *Postlude*

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"Raising of Lazarus," by Vincent Van Gogh, 1890

You Shall Live

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