

Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent

WORDS OF MEDITATION

Winter will not last forever; spring will come. Lenten darkness, repentance and sorrow have their rightful place with us, but Easter resurrection is our destiny.

~ Daniel Clendenin

Entrance

PRELUDE Jeff McConnell

INTROIT *I Was Glad* Larson
Celebration Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Wingfield

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* No. 383
vs. 1-2

GREETING Rev. LaDue

Leader: I wait for the Lord,

People: my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

Leader: my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

People: more than those who watch for the morning.

*RESPONSE *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* vs. 3

(Please be seated)

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CALL TO PRAYER

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life, and those who believe in me shall never die." And so we pray together to the One whose breath alone brings life to our dry bones and our weary souls.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

God, you bring life when we think all is lost.

You make a way out for us when there seems to be no way at all.

Grant us the faith to be people of hope even when others have pronounced hope's death.

Forgive us for the times when we have lost hope - when we have given up on ourselves, on others, and on you.

Breathe your Spirit into our whole selves, that we may fully live.

Breathe your Spirit into our minds, that our decisions may be pure and wise.

Breathe your Spirit on our lips, that our speech may witness to life and light.

Breathe your Spirit on our feet, that we may tread the earth with gentleness and reverence for all living things.

*Please stand as you are able.

*** Seating Interval

Breathe your Spirit on our hands, that they may serve you before all else.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our hope is in God whose steadfast love surrounds us and who has the power to redeem us. This power is revealed in Jesus Christ, who promises us life where there is death, and forgiveness where there is sin. The good news therefore is this: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

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Proclamation of the Word

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Ezekiel 37:1-14

ANTHEM *Lazarus* Tanner
Celebration Choir
Bruce VanDeventer, soloist

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 11:1-45

SERMON *Surprised By Life* Rev. Wingfield

Response to the Word

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, Savior and Creator, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the world into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each the ways of life and death.

In Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior,

you have shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,

creating and renewing the church, binding faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

to be your servants, to proclaim the gospel to all the world.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

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CALL TO PRAYER *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* No. 349

*Please stand as you are able.

*** Seating Interval

PASTORAL PRAYER

Carolyn Ingram

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Jeff McConnell

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*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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The Great Thanksgiving

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

You may come forward at the invitation of the ushers. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup of juice. Those in wheelchairs and others who have difficulty walking may be served where they are seated. For those with gluten allergies, gluten-free wafers are available on the east side of the chancel.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, accept and bless these gifts which we offer in response to the gracious gift of your life-giving Spirit to us. May these gifts and our lives be used to bring your love, justice, mercy and peace to our world, through the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sending Forth

*HYMN *Hymn of Promise* No. 707

*BENEDICTION Rev. Wingfield

*POSTLUDE Jeff McConnell

COMMUNION OFFERING

Today's communion offering goes to

Native American Ministries

The Native American Ministries communion offering helps the United Methodist Church partner with existing native ministries and create programs on behalf of Native Americans. Money collected also supports seminary scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans.

WELCOME TO SAN CARLOS UMC

If you are new or visiting with us this morning, we encourage you to visit the *Welcome Table*, located on the church patio. We would love to meet you and answer any questions you might have about San Carlos United Methodist Church. We are so pleased that you chose to worship with us this morning!

If you are interested in finding out more about San Carlos UMC, we invite you to join Rev. Wingfield and other church leaders on **Sunday, May 7th**, for a Welcome Lunch downstairs in Room 101 at 11:15 am. Childcare is available by reservation. Contact the church office for more information or to make your reservation.

DURING TODAY'S WORSHIP

- ◆ Please silence your cellphones.
- ◆ Live-streamed worship service for you and your child offered in the Family Room, near the main Sanctuary entrance.
- ◆ Nursery – Nursery care is provided during both services for children 3 years and younger. Ushers can direct you to the Nursery, across from the Sanctuary.
- ◆ Special Services – Large-print Bibles, hymnals, and assisted hearing devices are available. Please see an usher.
- ◆ Prayer Requests & Communications – Please complete the Connection Card to let us know you were here today, to request prayers or pastoral care, or to get more information on ministries and events.
- ◆ Sermons - Live video of our services can be found at www.sancarlosumc.org on the "Worship" tab. Printed copies of the sermon from the previous week are available at the Welcome Table Sunday mornings.

Altar Flowers – Flowers can be given in honor or in memory of loved ones or special occasions. Rosebuds may be ordered to celebrate births. Choose a date on the Flower Calendar at the Welcome Table or contact the church office.

Gift Cards: A variety of gift cards are available for purchase in between services in the volunteer room of the church office. All profits go to support Missions.

Recycling: Rinsed and clean aluminum cans and plastic bottles are accepted every Sunday after services in the upper parking lot behind Room 20. Proceeds go to New Entra Casa.



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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

MINISTER: Rev. Martha Wingfield

ASSOCIATE MINISTER: Rev. Greg LaDue

CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER: Carolyn Ingram

SCRIPTURE READERS: (8:30 am) Pat Coates
(10:00 am) Lois DeKock

COMMUNION HELPERS: (8:30 am) Jamey Manning, Myra Jackson
(10:00 am) Lois DeKock, Max & Donna Gresoro

ALTAR GUILD: (8:30 am) Lana Sisk, Judy Schneider
Margaret Goetschl, Jan Talbott

(10:00 am) Jillian Barnard, Willy Holt, Michael Ann Haight
Jan Karnousky, Dick Murphy

MEDIA AND SOUND: Ruth Ingram, Erina Mesquita

WELCOME TABLE: Pat Coates, Marge Thompson, Diana Baylor

TODAY'S PRAYER QUILTS IS FOR:

Marilyn Johnson, member of San Carlos UMC.

Irene, grandmother of Ruth Ingram's co-worker.

MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSALS

SCUMC Band Rehearsal, 1st & 3rd Mon., 5:30 pm, Sanctuary.

Higher Ground, 1st & 3rd Mon., 7:00 pm, Choir Room.

Bell Tones, every Tues., 6:30 pm, Room 103.

Wiggling Worshipers, every Wed., 3:30 pm, Room 20.

The King's Men, every Wed., 5:45 pm, Choir Room.

Celebration Choir, every Wed., 6:45 pm, Sanctuary.

BUDGET AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017

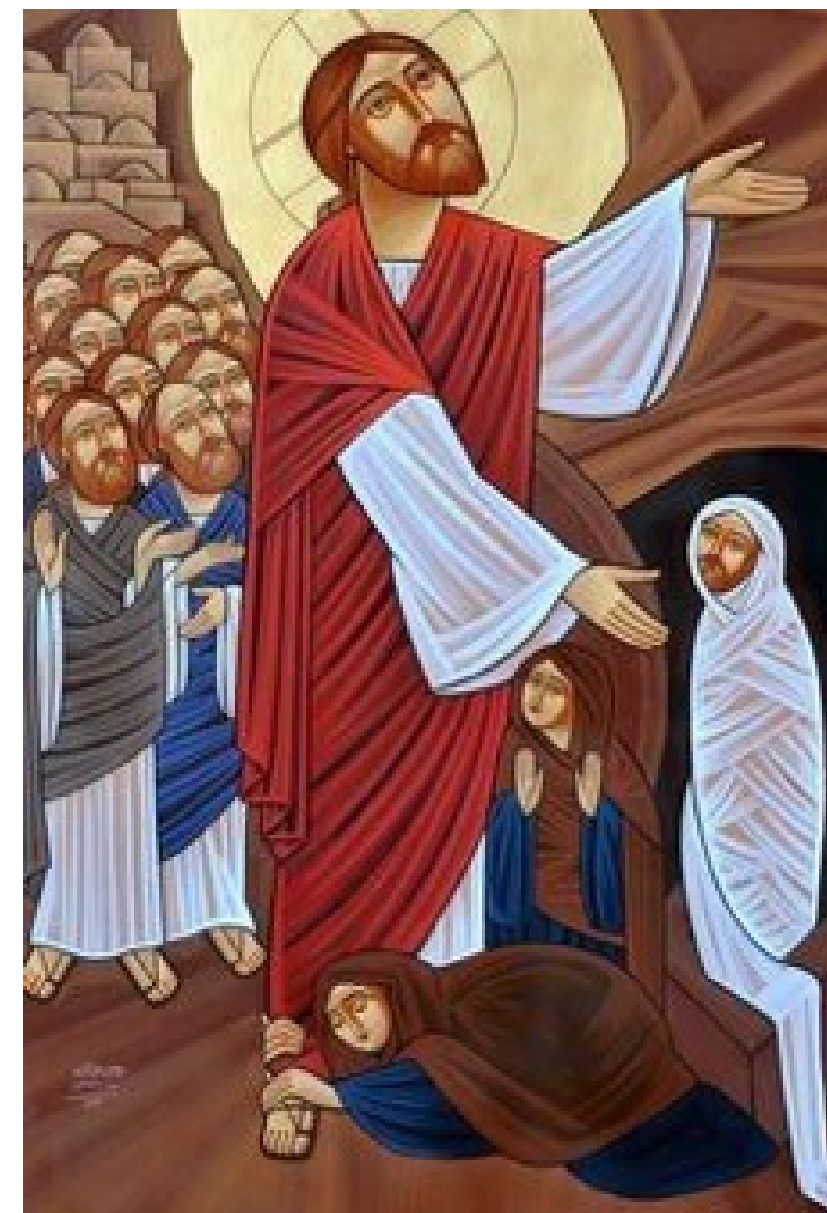
Actual Income: \$159,072

Actual Expenses: \$113,067

Worship Attendance for March 26: 317

Senior Minister.....**Rev. Martha T. Wingfield**
Associate Minister.....**Rev. Greg LaDue**
Certified Lay Minister.....**Carolyn Ingram**
Music Director.....**Jeff McConnell**
Family Ministry.....**Kim Ports**
Youth Ministry.....**David Bramley**
Congregational Care.....**Tonia Gombold**

The wood sculptures on the balcony represent biblical themes in the life of Christ.



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To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the
Transformation of the World.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 2, 2017

Welcome to Worship