Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

John Stainer

Sermon:

A Dying to Rise

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed The Peace of Christ Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn: #250 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

- In the bulb there is a flower: in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
- There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
- In our end is our beginning;
  in our time, infinity;
  in our doubt there is believing;
  in our life, eternity.
  In our death, a resurrection;
  at the last, a victory,
  unrevealed until its season,
  something God alone can see.

## GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude:

"Could You Not Watch With Me?"

Invocation

Hymn: #828 "More Love to Thee, O Christ" (see download)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

**Response**: Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (p.#698)

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "What Wondrous Love Is This?" Anna Laura Page

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #692 "Spirit, Open My Heart" (see download)

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude:

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

J. Bert Carlson

The End of Worship The Beginning of Service

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

#### **PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:**

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: Joseph & Sharon Lee Williams

The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of Lewis Bryson; father and grandfather on your birthday. We miss you and we thank God for all our wonderful memories Given by your wife Ruth and your family



### The Way of Healing - A Lenten Study

We will have our Lenten Study at 5:30 this evening on Zoom. This year we will reflect on healing, the healing Jesus gave and gives, according to Scripture, and the healing we need.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering continues until March 28th, the Sundays of Lent through Easter Sunday. It is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. Our gifts currently support programs in 100 countries. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

If you'd like to order **Easter plants**, the order form is posted here on the church website. Orders must be received by Tuesday, March 30.

# Leacock Presbyterían Church

First met in Leacock Township in 1724, recognized by the Synod in 1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.



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