

# Payson Park Church

*We are Growing with God, for the Good of the World.*

March 29, 2020, 10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Congregational - United Church of Christ**

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## Gathering for Worship

*Building a Community that Transforms People*

### Prepare for Worship

As you check in, practice using your Mute button, and finding your Chat Box.  
Our co-host will help you.

### Invitation for people to listen to Megan's pre-recorded prelude

Our Father who art in heaven

by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

### Greeting

Welcome to all listening in or watching, whether near or far away.

Pastor Eric

### Hymn

“Your Love is Deep”

by Jami Smith

*If you can watch the video, you will see these following words:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FcxLwta95ns&feature=youtu.be>

Chorus: **Your love is deep, Your love is high, Your love is long, Your love is wide.**

(sing 2x)

**Deeper than my view of grace. Higher than the highest place,  
Longer than this road I've traveled. Wider than the gap you've filled.**

(sing 2x)

(sing chorus again)

**Its deeper, And higher, And longer, Wider than the gap you've filled.**

(sing 2x)

(sing chorus again)

## Call to worship

the Gulleys

*based upon the song "Come Alive (Dry Bones)" by Lauren Daigle*

leader We know that you are God, Yours is the victory.  
We know there is more to come that we may not yet see.

people **So with the faith You've given us we'll step into the valley unafraid.**

leader God of endless mercy, God of unrelenting love.  
Rescue every daughter, bring us back the wayward sons.

people **By Your Spirit breathe upon them, show the world that -  
You alone can save. You alone can save.**

leader As we call out to dry bones come alive, come alive.

people **We call out to dead hearts come alive, come alive.**

leader Up out of the ashes, let us see an army rise.

people **We call out to dry bones - come alive.  
We call out to dry bones - come alive.**

## Confession and Words of Grace

Leader: Most merciful God,

People: **We confess we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not  
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as  
ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in  
sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have  
been rescued.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Children's Message

by Katherine Ballas, *Youth & Community Outreach Minister*

## RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

### Reading of Scripture

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Mona Hayes

### Sermon

"Being the Church in a Valley of Dry Bones"

Pastor Eric

## Hymn

“My Eyes Have Seen the Glory” by Julia Ward Howe, 1861  
*If you can watch the video, you will see these following words:*

- 1). **My eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord,  
Who is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored,  
And has loosed the fateful lightning of a terrible swift sword:  
God’s truth is marching on.**

refrain) **Glory, glory, hallelujah! (sing 3x).  
God’s truth is marching on.**

- 2). **In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in whose bosom that transfigures you and me;  
As Christ died to make us holy, let us die to make all free;  
While God is marching on. R**

## Prayers of the People

People will be invited one at a time to say a one sentence prayer, if you desire.  
Raise your “hand” if you have a prayer. “Hand Raising” is on lower left of your screen.  
Or you may type a prayer into our “Chat” room, from where a Host will read it aloud.

## 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.**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE**

### Announcements

### Invitation to Offering

[www.NoKidHungry.org](http://www.NoKidHungry.org) (to feed children dependent upon school lunches)  
[www.PaysonPark.org](http://www.PaysonPark.org) (to support the ministry of Payson Park Church)

## Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

lyrics by Fanny Crosby, music by Phoebe Knapp

*If you can watch the video, you will see these following words:*

- 1). **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ’s blood.**

refrain) **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

- 2). **Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blessed;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with God’s goodness, lost in Christ’s love.**

## Benediction

### Invitation for people to listen to Megan’s pre-recorded postlude

Goldberg Variation 18

by J.S. Bach. (1685 - 1750)

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### All are invited to our time of Fellowship

Please bring one of your favorite snacks. Share your snack by showing us!

After a few minutes, we will be invited into Breakout Rooms with just a few people for further conversation. Please give us feedback and let us know how it worked for you.

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### God’s Garden lesson for the Alleluia Class for this week

is posted it on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MnkT5F49r6w>