



— FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT —

Who Could Stand

LEARNING TO LIVE INSIDE OUT WORSHIP SERIES



First United Methodist Church of Gilbert

Serving, Giving, Welcoming, Growing in the likeness of Christ

March 26, 2023

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Welcome!

Services at 8:00 and 9:30 am • See gilbertumc.org for streaming information
**please stand as you are able*

Pre-service Music

“Standing on the Promises”

by R. Kelso Carter; arr. by Eugenio Gall

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Rick Casebolt

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Indian Folk Melody; arr. and © by Jenifer Cook

*Call to Worship

(8:00) Nate Pearce (9:30) Val Kellogg

Leader: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

People: We are learning to follow Jesus.

Leader: The journey is long, and the burden of our sins and struggles feels so heavy.

**People: Yet we will hope in God because with God,
there is steadfast love.**

Leader: All around us, we witness neighbors and communities who are lifeless, despairing that they could ever be revived.

**People: Yet God tells us that to come back to life,
we must come together.**

Leader: Year after year of change and struggle have taken their toll—how can anyone bring forth life when we feel so parched and tired?

**People: Yet God meets the lifeless with the breath of life,
reviving us again to worship and follow God’s way.**

Leader: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

All: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out!

*Opening Hymn

“I Know Whom I Have Believed” vs. 1, 2, 4 #714

WORDS: Daniel W. Whittle MUSIC: James McGranahan

***Opening Prayer**

Great God of comfort and healing, we come today with many questions: “How will we survive the challenges of this day? Can we get through our moments of loss and grief? Will we be comforted when our tears flow like mighty streams?” In the midst of our questions, we hear voices of assurance and comfort. “I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live. With the Lord there is steadfast love. The Spirit of God dwells in you. You will see the glory of God.” May these voices remind us of your abiding presence, and your steadfast love. Thank you for walking with us throughout our days. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Anthem

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”
adapted and arranged by Ed Lojeski

The Chancel Choir

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles (9:30)

Janelle Chiricuzio

Scripture Reading Psalm 130 | Romans 8:6-11

Message

Pastor Adriana Hernandez

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Song of Response (8:00) “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” vs. 1, 5 #500

WORDS: George Croly MUSIC: Frederick C Atkinson

(9:30) “I Will Rise”

CCLI Song # 5183450 Chris Tomlin | Jesse Reeves | Louie Giglio | Matt Maher © 2008 Rising Springs Music

Offering

Offertory

“The Stand”

CCLI Song # 4705248 Joel Houston © 2005 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia (Capitol CMG)

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from whom all Blessings Flow” *by Thomas Ken* **#95**

***Offering Prayer**

Almighty and restoring God, we have been living through some difficult days, as churches and as individuals. We experience days when we rise, wondering if we will make it through one more day, whether the church will survive for another generation; and we feel like those dry bones in the valley. As we offer our tithes and offerings, help us to hear the word of hope the prophet shares, not just with our ears but with our hearts. May it call us back to life and service, out of the graves of despair in which we have buried ourselves. In Christ’s holy name. Amen.

***Closing Music (8:00)** “Trust and Obey” vs. 1, 3, 4
WORDS: John H. Sammis MUSIC: Daniel B Towner

#467

(9:30) “Resurrection Power”
CCLI Song # 7102607 Ed Cash | Ryan Ellis | Tony Brown © Bethel Worship Publishing et al.

***Blessing**

Postlude (8:00) “Blessed Assurance”
by Fanny J. Crosby and Phoebe P. Knapp

Join us for Holy Week and bring friend!

Matthew 21:1-11



HOLY WEEK AT FIRST UMC GILBERT
Palm Sunday 8 & 9:30am
Maundy Thursday 6:30pm
Good Friday 6:30pm

EASTER
6:00 8:00 9:30
9:30 services livestreamed at gilbertumc.org

Thank you for joining our services today!

If you have any questions or comments please contact us at connection@gilbertumc.org

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