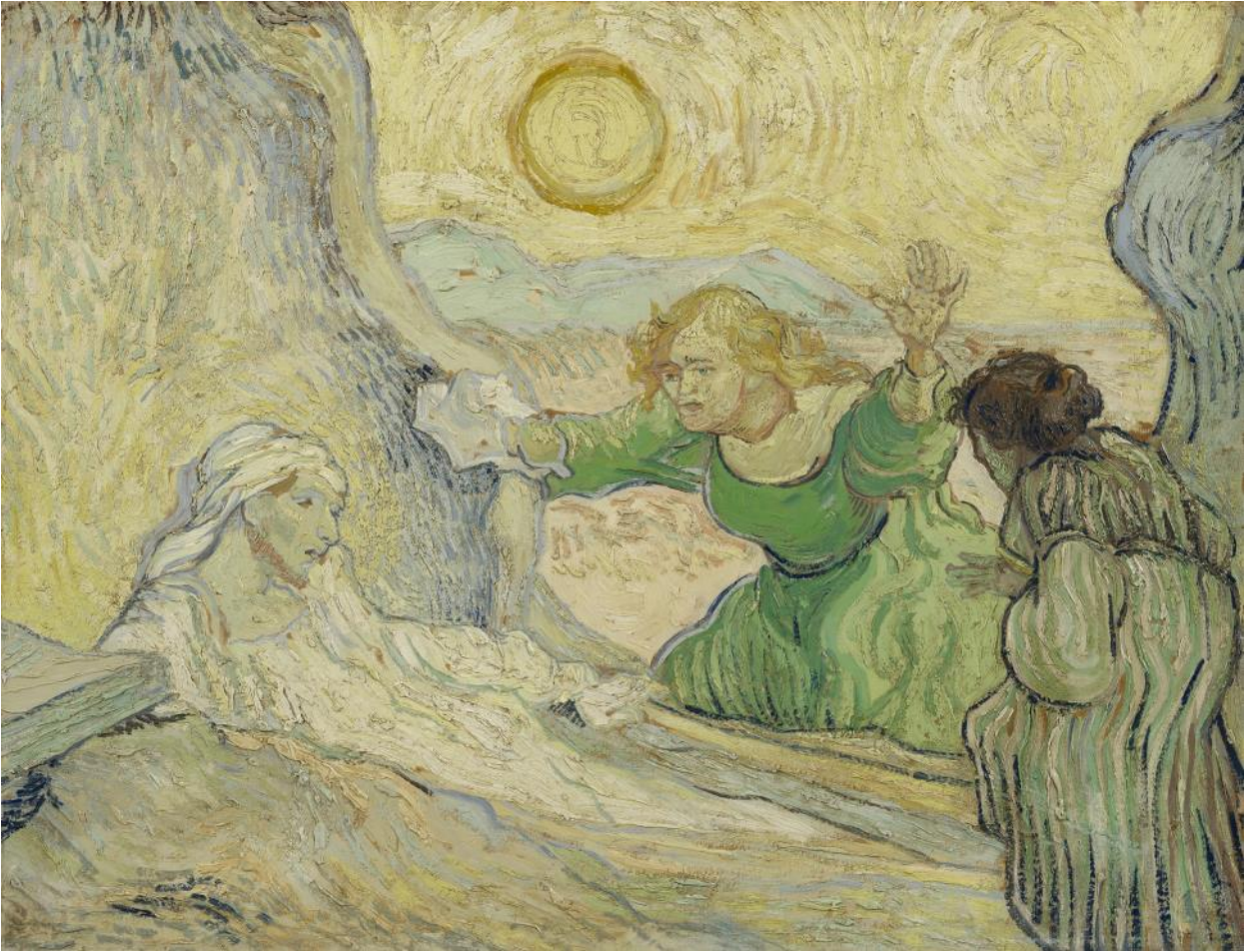


# Grace United Church of Christ



The Raising of Lazarus after Rembrandt van Rijn  
Oil on paper 50.0 x 65.0 cm. Saint-Rémy: May, 1890  
Amsterdam: Van Gogh Museum

**Sunday, March 29, 2020**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Breath of Hope**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**ONLINE VIRTUAL SERVICE**

**Worship & Communion  
Sunday, March 29, 2020  
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*We Gather*

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Blessed be God; Blessed and Holy Trinity

**One God, now and forever.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

Let us worship God

Opening Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

NCH # 25 (INSERT)

Prayer of Confession

**Dear God, how easy it is for me to distinguish myself from "them."**

**For the times I believe I am better than others — forgive me.**

**For the times I put my ways on a pedestal to the neglect of others — forgive me.**

**For the times I avert my gaze so I won't have to look at their condition — forgive me.**

**For the times I wished they would all go away and live somewhere else — forgive me.**

**For the times I feel no discomfort in judging others before I even know them — forgive me.**

**For the ease with which I label people "them" and "other" — forgive me.**

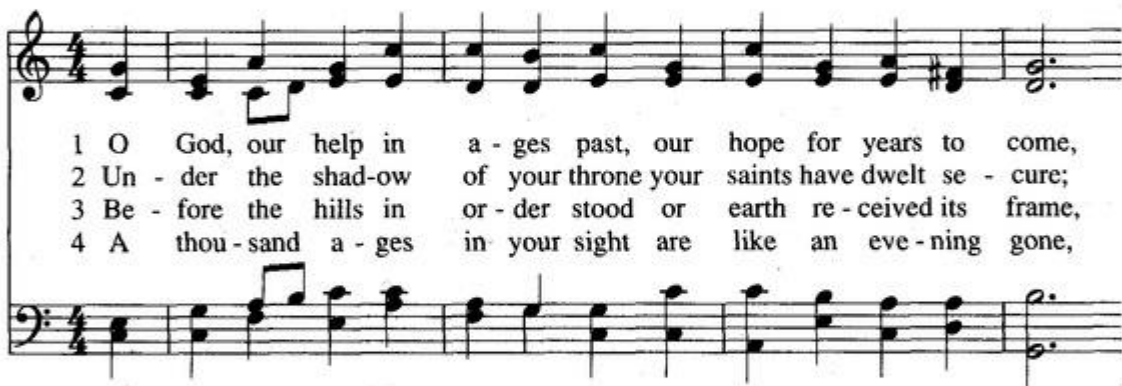
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# O God, Our Help in Ages Past

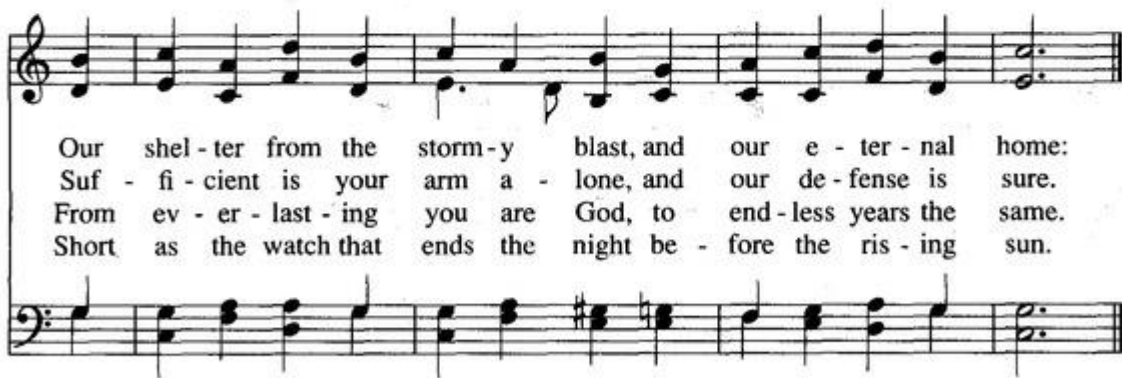
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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 90:1-2, 4-5



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
From ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
Short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream,  
soon bears us all away;  
We fly for - got - ten, as a dream  
fades at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in a - ges past,  
our hope for years to come,  
Still be our God while trou - bles last,  
and our e - ter - nal home!

*Watts, minister of a Congregational church in London, wrote theological and philosophical works and hundreds of "hymns of human composure" (everyday language). He augmented the congregational singing of psalms with a new style of hymnody.*

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.  
William Croft, 1708

## Words of Assurance

Hear the good news.

Through Jesus Christ we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins.

God hears.

God cares.

God forgives.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

## *We Listen*

### Readings

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=28>

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

**Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

**But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in Gods word I hope;

**my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem.

**It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

### Special Music

### Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

### Sermon

"New life in Dead Places"

Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

## *We Respond*

### Prayers of the People

#### \*The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: ...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we  
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**(Please be seated)**

Leader: ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and  
living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: When we eat this bread  
and drink this cup  
we proclaim your death Lord Jesus  
until you come in Glory.**

Leader: ...Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and  
forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

#### The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Sharing of the Elements

Blessing after Communion

**God of us all, In the gift of bread and cup we celebrate your presence in our church and in our lives. As your presence unites us in the gift of this holy meal, so we know that in your love we are united wherever we are. Keep true in us that same spirit that has united the Church throughout all generations and bring us soon into physical communion, through that same spirit, which is Christ, the Lord. Amen.**

***We are Sent***

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

NCH # 292

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew  
That I may love the way you love,  
and do what you would do.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
stir in me one desire:  
That every earthly part of me  
may glow with holy fire.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
Until with you I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
But live with you the perfect life  
of your eternity.

Sending Forth

Postlude





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## CARING & SHARING PRAYER LIST

The following are members and friends of our church family who are currently ill, hospitalized, or home-bound. ***Please keep them in your prayers and perhaps send a note or a card.*** If you know of anyone who should be added to this list, please contact the church office at [admin@grucc.com](mailto:admin@grucc.com)

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*Please note that hospitals are no longer permitted to contact churches on behalf of their patients. If you know of a church member who is hospitalized, please inform the church office. If you or a family member is hospitalized in an emergency situation, please call Pastor Rob at 240-217-2767.*

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## Daily Bible Reading

### **Sunday, March 29, 2020: Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

### **Monday, March 30, 2020:**

Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12

### **Tuesday, March 31, 2020:**

Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10

### **Wednesday, April 1, 2020:**

Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33

### **Thursday, April 2, 2020:**

Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11

### **Friday, April 3, 2020:**

Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30

### **Saturday, April 4, 2020:**

Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34

### **Sunday, April 5, 2020: Liturgy of the Palms**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 • Matthew 21:1-11

### **Sunday, April 5, 2020: Liturgy of the Passion**

Isaiah 50:4-9a • Psalm 31:9-16 •  
Philippians 2:5-11 • Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54



Dear Congregation,

At the risk of being indelicate, I'm going to talk money. Last year we did significant work at closing the budget gap. PLEASE remember your giving to the church during this time! While we are not legally or safely allowed to be together during this time, the bills are still needing to be paid. And the crashing markets of recent are going to hit our endowments very hard as well. I'm just being honest. PLEASE try to be a faithful to your tithe as you can be. There will be a letter mailed to every home with a stamped envelope to help make your tithe easier! You can also use the **GIVING tab on our church website at [www.grucc.com](http://www.grucc.com) and give via VANCO Giving Plus or PayPal.**







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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Scripture Reader: ONLINE  
Children's Message: N/A  
Children's Church: N/A  
Altar Guild: N/A

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship,  
please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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