



North Bethesda United Methodist Church

March 22, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prelude		Simon Charette
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. T.C. Morrow
Lighting the Candle of Peace, Hope, & Justice		Jenna Love
	One: ... The light shines in the darkness.	
	<b>All: We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.</b>	
	One: Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice.	
	<b>All: Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use the freedom and power given to us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.</b>	
*Opening Hymn	"Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land"	W&S 3074
Word for All Ages		Tsitsi Sithole
Prayers of the People		Rev. T.C. Morrow
Anthem	"Love Will Rise" (Karen Crane)	NBUMC Choir
Scripture Reading	John 11:1-45	Jenna Love
Message	"Jesus Wept"	Rev. T.C. Morrow
Offertory		
		QR Code for Online Giving 
*Doxology	"Let All Who Are Thirsty Come"	UMH 349

*Let all who are thirsty come. Let all who wish receive the water of life freely. Amen, come, Lord Jesus. Amen, come, Lord Jesus.*

## \*Unison Prayer

**Life-Giving Spirit, you breathe hope into our valleys of despair and call forth life where we saw only dry bones. We come today not out of habit, but out of longing to be part of your work that restores, renews, and redeems. Take these gifts and use them to roll away the stones that keep your people bound. Let them be signs of trust, symbols of resurrection, and tools of transformation in a weary world. May our offering, like our living, lean into your Spirit and testify that life—abundant, eternal, and holy—is possible in you. In Christ, who calls us out of the grave and into your grace, we pray. Amen.**

## \*Closing Hymn

"Lord of the Dance"

UMH 261

## \*Blessing

Rev. T.C. Morrow

## Postlude

Simon Charette

\*Indicates rising in body and/or spirit.

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### Take Note!

- **K.U.T.A.M.B.A.** is a values-centered ministry created to nurture meaningful connections between our children and the wider congregation. Our value for February is **Understanding**. Please visit the K.U.T.A.M.B.A. Table during coffee hour for simple activities and ways to engage.
- The Adult Discipleship and Education Ministry's new "reel theology" small group film study is on! Our theme is "Savior on the Silver Screen," and we'll watch/discuss four more movies ranging in style, content and ratings. The next meeting of **Fourth Friday Faith on Film Night** (aka F4) will be March 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. A light meal will be provided! The feature film will be the New Zealand drama *Whale Rider* (2002; rated PG-13). Future screening dates will be April 24, May 22, and June 26. Interested? Then please RSVP with Scott Roby at [scottrobby1125@gmail.com](mailto:scottrobby1125@gmail.com).
- **Easter Egg Donations Needed:** Please help with our Easter Egg Hunt by filling plastic eggs with individually wrapped candy. Empty eggs are available in a basket in the Narthex. Kindly return the filled eggs to the box in the Narthex by Easter Sunday (April 5th). Thank you!
- Join us on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm for our traditional **Maundy Thursday Soup Supper!** All are welcome to join in this annual Holy Week fellowship dinner, followed by a brief service with communion at 7pm. If you can make soup, bring bread and butter, prepare a green salad, or help set up, reach out to Rose Aehele at [raehle1@aol.com](mailto:raehle1@aol.com).
- **Holy Week Schedule:** Join us on Sunday, March 29, at 10 am for Palm Sunday to begin Holy Week. See the above announcement for info about our Maundy Thursday Soup Supper. We'll have a Good Friday service on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. Holy Week will joyfully conclude with a 6:30 am Sunrise Service on Easter (April 5<sup>th</sup>) followed by a breakfast provided by our Arts Committee and then our Easter Festival Service at 10am! We hope to see you for some or all of our Holy Week events and services! Contact the church office if you have any questions.
- It's time to order **Easter Flowers!** You can pick up a form in the Narthex and leave it in the mailbox on the back of the office door, or you use the link sent out in the weekly email to order. The deadline to order is Palm Sunday (3/29).
- Our **Women's Book Group** will meet next on Sunday April 12 to discuss *The Life Impossible* by Matt Haig. All are welcome to join! The group will meet in the Parlor. Email the Church Office to get connected with the organizers, Monica Dean & Linda Hall.
- The **March Men's Ministry** meeting will meet at 7PM on March 25<sup>th</sup> in the parlor. If you are interested in supporting us or just curious what we are talking about, please swing by!
- The board will conduct a **tour of church facilities** on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. For anyone interested in supporting the building ministry, please join us to find out how you can pitch in.
- The next semi-annual **Men's Brunch** has been scheduled for April 18th. If you'd like to join us for this event, signup sheet will be in the NARTHEX. Please signup prior to April 10th. If you cannot signup in the Narthex, please send an email to Zach Elkin ([elkin6f1@gmail.com](mailto:elkin6f1@gmail.com)) to confirm your attendance.

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