

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome! We are happy to have you with us today!

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pass the ritual of Friendship

Jarred Crouch

GREETING (With One Another)

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

Response: And also with you!

Pam Ulffers

CENTERING WORDS

Come, let us celebrate life – body life and soul life, private life and corporate life, this life and the life to come; and let us honor God, the source of all life.

PRELUDE

“I Bowed on My Knees and Cried ‘Holy’”

Words: Nettie Dudley Washington; Music: E.M. Dudley Cantwell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord calls us to worship, not for his sake, but for ours; for in worship our lives take on a new dimension. We become more aware of divine realities; we readjust our priorities and goals; we raise our ethical standards; and we see ourselves as people with eternal significance. Come! Let us worship our God!

*OPENING PRAYER

Creator God, rekindle within us the presence of your Holy spirit. Create in us a clearer understanding of the depths of your grace. May your Spirit breathe within us the love and joy that warms our often cold and lifeless hearts. Renew a right spirit within us, and empower our lives until we become the new creation you have promised to those who believe in you; through Jesus the Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

No. 328

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

No. 895

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

ANTHEM

“Poor Man Lazarus”

Chancel Choir

John Roberts, Ed. D., director

Jester Hairston

GOSPEL READING

John 11: 1-45

*HYMN

“In His Time”

No. 2203

SERMON

“Late Arrival”

Pam Ulffers

OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

Offertory Prayer

“Glory to God”

*CLOSING HYMN

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

No. 420

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Lift Him Up”

Words: Johnson Oatman, Jr.; Music: B.B. Beall

John Roberts, Ed. D., pianist

*Please stand if you are able

We are happy you are with us today!!
Please sign the **attendance registration** pad located in the pew racks.

Altar Interpretation

Let us honor God, the source of all life.

Jesus learned that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days, and he wept.

He prayed, "Father, I know that you always hear me."

Jesus told Lazarus' family and friends, "Take away the stone."

Then Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

And the dead man came out!

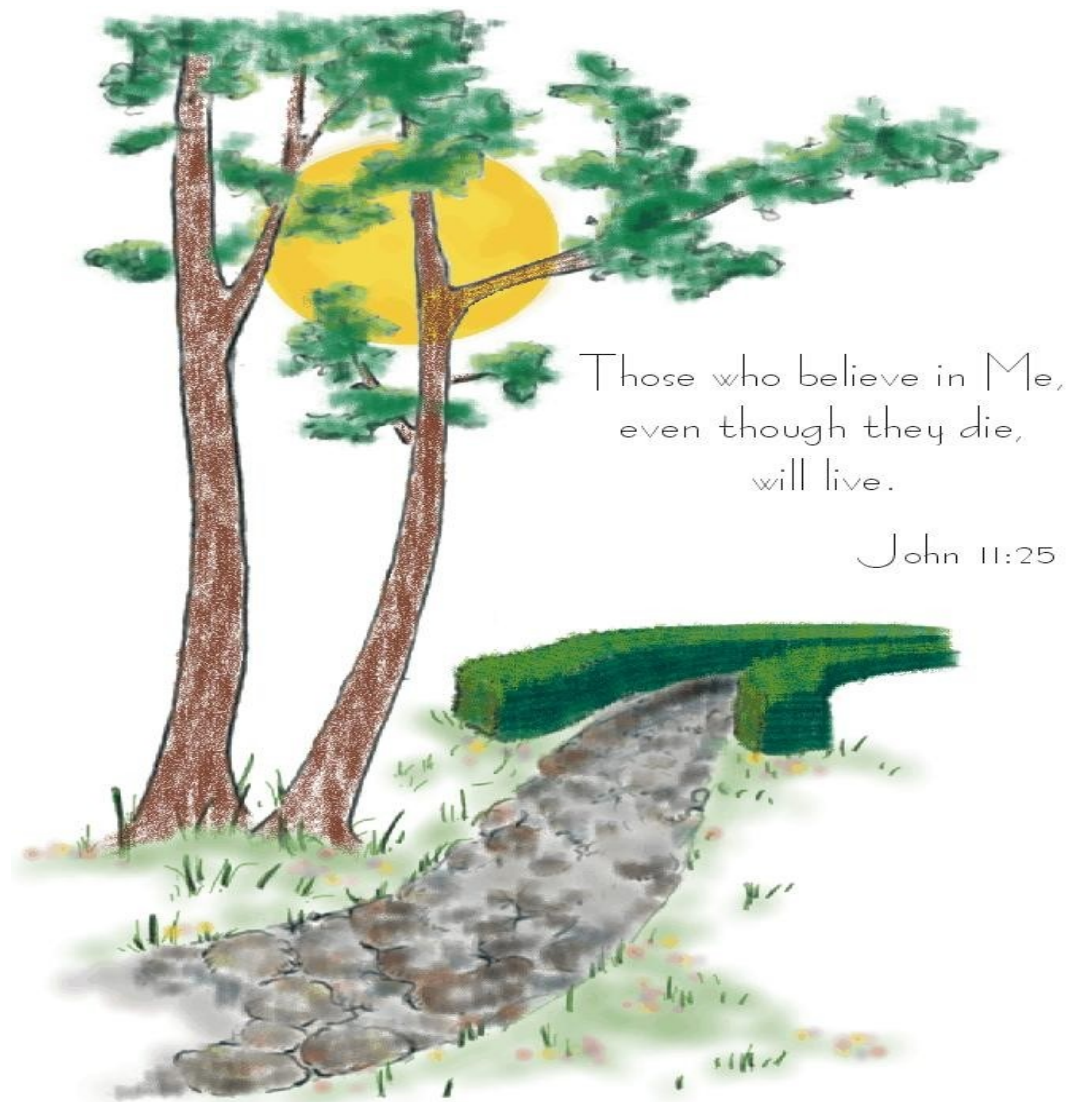
Let us celebrate this life and the life to come.

If you would like to use a **large print hymnal**,
or a **hearing assistance device** please ask an usher for one.

- * Our prayer chain is available to any who have needs or concerns. We will pray with you and for you. Fill out a prayer request form located in the pew or contact the church office at 235-7088. All prayer requests will be sent out by email.
- * Our Cry Room, Nursery, and a Rest Room are all located off the hallway in the back of the sanctuary.
- * The service is recorded each week and is available to anyone who requests it. If you know of someone who is unable to attend services and would like to receive a DVD or an audio CD, please contact the church office, 235-7088.
- * Today's service is being live streamed on Facebook.
- * Children's Bulletins are available in the sanctuary on a table by the door in the front. Children's packets are available in bags and the back of the sanctuary.

Ministers
Director of Music
Organist
Pianist
Administrative Assistant
Media Specialist
Youth Leader

Every Member
Emily Forsberg
Heather Gillis
John Roberts, Ed. D.
Dawn Lowe
Sally Thurman
Rumen Hulmequist



Those who believe in Me,
even though they die,
will live.

John 11:25

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The Mission of Waterloo First United Methodist Church is to be a church of people who live as disciples of Jesus Christ by providing a place for spiritual growth in a caring, inviting community.