



WEEK 2 WEEK

Connecting worship throughout the week.

Week of March 26 – April 1, 2023

Lent 5A

A FOCUS VERSE

John 11:34-36

³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep.”

SERMON NOTES:

*What stood out in this week’s sermon? (Theme, phrase, thought, reference, etc.)
What questions stir up within you? What do you want to explore further?*

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT

Jesus asks Mary an important question; others help her answer. Jesus weeps. His love for Lazarus can be seen by others in his tears. A short time later John will tell us about another search. But this time for a tomb of someone who is presumed dead, but in a different garden; another question will be asked about the location of the body, but by a different Mary. This time, rather than the dead person walking out of the tomb, Jesus has already risen, and speaks to Mary Magdalene. Too often we search for Jesus in wrong places, as well. We want to know where he is, because we need him – to strengthen us, reassure us, heal us, teach us, forgive us. Perhaps, like Mary, we can’t find him because we look through the tears of our despair and, sometimes, our self-pity. And then, like Mary, we hear His voice or see His face. Maybe it’s in a hymn, or a psalm, or a painting, or in the voice of a friend, or perhaps in the elements of grace of Holy Communion. And we, too, will weep and call out Jesus!”. And through our tears, and because of God’s power of resurrection, we will be healed.

BEYOND SUNDAY:

**Readings intended to help you reflect and digest this week's worship service.*

MONDAY: Acts 20:7-12 (*Paul Farewell Visit to Troas*)

- What is the most **MEMORABLE** verse for you, in this passage, at this time? _____
- What makes this verse so **MEANINGFUL**?

TUESDAY: Ephesians 2:1-10 (*From Death to Life*)

Memorable: _____

Meaning: _____

WEDNESDAY: Matt. 22:23-33 (*Question about Resurrection*)

Memorable: _____

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**Readings intended to help you prepare for the upcoming Sunday.*

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FRIDAY: Psalm 31 (*Prayer and Praise for Deliverance*)

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SATURDAY: Mark 10:32-34 (*Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection for Third Time*)

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Read Ahead: April 2, 2023 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66



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