



West Richmond Church of the Brethren

7612 Wanyamala Road, Henrico, Virginia 23229-4239
804-288-6439 804-282-4408 (fax) wrcob@wrcob.org www.wrcob.org

“Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.”

March 29, 2020

5th Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

Opening Words

Ministry Matters

Leader: God has called all God’s people to lives of hope and service.

People: We want to serve God, but sometimes life gets to be too difficult for us.

Leader: Place your trust in God’s power and love.

People: God understands our needs, our sorrows, and our joys.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is with us always.

People: Praise God for God’s eternal presence.

Opening Prayer

CELEBRATE GOD’S FAMILY

Time with Our Children

Congregational Prayer

freedfromfreedfor.org

Beloved friends, in this season of repentance and healing, we accept God’s invitation to be ever-mindful of the needs of others, offering our prayers on behalf of God’s community in the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Source of our hope, ground your church in the promises of our baptism and make us bold in proclaiming your love and

grace even in fearful and anxious times. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Source of our hope, heal the brokenness in your creation and give us the vision necessary to protect what you have entrusted to us, Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Source of our hope, grant wisdom and insight to our public leaders that they may steer the nations through this crisis with minimal loss of life or livelihood. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Source of our hope, help those living in great fear at this time, comfort them with the knowledge of your presence with them now and always. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Source of our hope, provide healing and comfort to all those battling disease, work through our healthcare system to bring a quick resolution to the corona virus pandemic. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Source of our hope, make your church into a shining example of love and care in these difficult times and use our assembly to do your work. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Source of our hope, turn our eyes to the example of the saints and keep us firm in following the way of the cross. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill us with your strength to resist the seductions of our foolish desires and the tempter's vain delights that we may walk in obedience and righteousness, rejoicing in you with an upright heart. **Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith

back of Bulletin

Into the silence of the void our Creator spoke, bringing life.
The Cosmic Christ and the Holy Spirit hovered. Over the
waters --

matter from nothing,
flesh from dust,
life from lifelessness.

We believe Jesus can bring life out of nothing,
but three days is a long time to wait.

Jesus, in our waiting for new life, give us hope.
Show us your resurrection power that we may fully believe.

Song

Lord I Need You

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thoughts on Giving

Galatians 6:9-10 (ESV)

Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So, then, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Mark 14:3-9 (NRSV)

The Anointing at Bethany

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Sermon

A Beautiful Thing!

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Benediction

back of Bulletin

“Come out!” Jesus cries, calling us from our tombs
into a world full of grace and possibility.

“Go out!” Jesus commands, calling us into the world
to live as God’s resurrected people.

KEEPING IN PRAYER

June Diehl

Brian Crawford

Jon Hartman

Virginia Whitten

Richard Barry

Richard Shreckhise

Joel Guyer’s Brother-in-law, Dale Stern

Judith Whitten’s Niece, Jennifer Titus

Kevin Beers’ Friend, Michael Green

Sandy, Carol & Barbara’s Mother and Sister-in law, Lois Shull

Anna Welch’s Friend, Annette Brown

Shawn Baker’s Mother, Francine Baker and Grandmother, Emma
Watson

The COVID-19 Pandemic and all those impacted.

