

CLOSING BLESSING

*Please gather around the altar table*

One: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.  
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.  
Do you believe this?"

Many: **Yes, Lord we believe that you are the Messiah,  
the Son of God, the one coming into the world.**

One: The grace and assurances of God, the deep love of Jesus,  
and the unbinding power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: **And also with you.**

\*HYMN

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth,  
the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony  
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now  
with every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
to take each moment and live each moment  
in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

BENEDICTION

Alison Schmied

You are invited to stay for refreshments and conversation  
following worship!

***Worship is over...service begins!***

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 10th, 2011

8:30 pm



## Protestant Worship

Linehan Chapel  
Nazareth College

Alison Schmied, Protestant Chaplain

Erica Porter and Stephanie Preece,  
Music Leaders

Nicole Tarsio, Greeter

GATHERING MUSIC

Stephanie Preece

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Binder,  
and kindly turn off phones.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alison Schmied

INTROIT

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Spirit of God brings connection and continuity, even when our lives feel as disjointed as a valley of dry bones.

Many: **We come to worship that the Spirit might breathe new hope into each one of us.**

One: The Spirit of God challenges us to be people of faith.

Many: **Open our lives, Lord, and help us break free from the doubts and fears that bind us.**

\*HYMN

“Now the Green Blade Riseth”

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*The United Methodist Hymnal*

\*SHARING SIGNS OF GOD’S PEACE

Nicole Tarsio

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Erica Porter

**Healing and empowering God, sometimes we are so sure that things will not work out that we doubt even your ability to put things right in our lives. We confess that we have sinned by things that we have done, and things that we have left undone. We have denied your love for us, we have failed to place our trust in you, and we have missed opportunities to act with love toward our neighbors. Have mercy on us. Heal the fears that bind us, and give us spirits of trust and hope so that we may live anew, loving and serving you in Jesus’ name.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Beloved of God, through the power of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection you are unbound from sin. In the name of Christ you are forgiven. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 37:1-14

John 11:1-45

HYMN

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

#2158

*The Faith We Sing*

SERMON

“Do You Believe This?”

Alison Schmied

ANTHEM

“Talithah Kum”

Choir

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (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.**

**Forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## John 11:1-45 (NRSV)

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"

Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him."

The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right."

Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,

and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.

The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME!** Protestant Worship is a spiritual home - a family on campus. It is a place of **belonging** in Christian fellowship. It is also a place for **becoming**, for discerning God's call in your life. Come - participate, observe, question, seek. *You are welcome, just as you are.*

### **Help for Japan Concert: Monday, April 11 7:00 p.m. Linehan Chapel**

Presented by Nazareth College Music Department and their Japanese Friends. This concert is supported by Nazareth's Center for Civic Engagement and Center for Spirituality. All donations welcome to benefit those affected by Japan's recent earthquake and tsunami. For more information, contact Chisato Edna Marling ([ceda8@naz.edu](mailto:ceda8@naz.edu)).

### **Ecumenical Lenten Lunch: Tuesday Bible Study with the Chaplains**

You are invited to a Bible Study with Catholic Chaplain Jamie Fazio and Protestant Chaplain Alison Schmied on Tuesdays from 12:10 to 1:00, in the Community Room (GAC 151). Bring your lunch and bring a friend!

### **Rooted in Love: A One-Woman Play Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

Sister Dorothy Stang spent 40 years bringing faith and justice to peasant farm families in northern Brazil. She helped them create communities, improve sustainable farming methods, defend their basic human rights and work for social justice. She challenged the illegal ranchers and loggers who were destroying the Amazon rain forest. On February 12, 2005, she was shot and killed on a lonely road in Anapu, Para, Brazil. Sr. Nancy Murray, O.P. (*whose brother is actor Bill Murray*) will perform her one-woman play about the life of Sr. Dorothy Stang in **Linehan Chapel on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. FREE ADMISSION.**

### **Join the Choir: 7:30pm Sundays in the Community Room (GAC 151)**

Come sing as your schedule allows! Contact Erica Porter or Stephanie Preece ([eporner2@naz.edu](mailto:eporner2@naz.edu) or [spreece2@naz.edu](mailto:spreece2@naz.edu)) for more information.

### **We want YOU to take an active role in Protestant Worship!**

Whether it's greeting people, preparing snack, singing in the choir or cleaning up, worship is more meaningful when you are involved. Consider how you might strengthen your involvement in worship this semester! Copy and paste <http://goo.gl/QesSk> into your browser and share contact information about you and what roles you would like to have.

## **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

*(New Living Translation)*

The LORD took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the LORD to a valley filled with bones. He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out.

Then he asked me, "Son of man, can these bones become living people again?"

"O Sovereign LORD," I replied, "you alone know the answer to that."

Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

So I spoke this message, just as he told me. Suddenly as I spoke, there was a rattling noise all across the valley. The bones of each body came together and attached themselves as complete skeletons. Then as I watched, muscles and flesh formed over the bones. Then skin formed to cover their bodies, but they still had no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to the winds, son of man. Speak a prophetic message and say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again.'"

So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army.

Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones represent the people of Israel. They are saying, 'We have become old, dry bones—all hope is gone. Our nation is finished.'

Therefore, prophesy to them and say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I will open your graves of exile and cause you to rise again. Then I will bring you back to the land of Israel. When this happens, O my people, you will know that I am the LORD. I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live again and return home to your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done what I said. Yes, the LORD has spoken!'"