

CHILMARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

MEDITATION

*"It is a serious thing just to be alive on this fresh morning
in this broken world." – Mary Oliver*

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Quiet

Introit *Let It Breathe on Me (x2)* #503

*Call to Worship (*please stand as you are able)

One: We come together to be God's hope:

All: To live hopeful truth in the presence of lies,

One: To live hopeful compassion in the presence of violence,

All: To live hopeful love in the presence of prejudice.

One: We come to shine together with the light of grace
And peace becoming God's realm.

All: We come to be more faithful disciples, right now, right here. Let us join in worship near and far.

*Hymn *Hymn of Promise* #707

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer (together, seated)
Holy God, in your love and wisdom, you seek continually to draw us closer, knowing that only in intimate relationship with you can our souls be fulfilled. Give us steadfast faith to believe in your presence and your power as we walk through the wilderness times of our lives. And give us the courage to open the depths of ourselves to you, trusting that you are waiting and longing to transform us even in the most difficult and painful experiences of life. Receive the worship we offer now in the name of Jesus, the Savior, who walked through suffering into the glory of life resurrected. All of these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scriptures Jeremiah 31:31-34
John 12:20-26, 35-36

Sermon Deep in Our Hearts Rev. Dr. Wright

Interlude *The Water Is Wide (insert)*

Pastoral and Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

THANKSGIVING

The Offering

*Doxology #95

*Unison Offering Prayer

Gracious God, you renew hope when we feel most hopeless for ourselves, the conditions in our own lives, and in the world. You have shown us in Jesus that there is more to come than what we presently see. We believe in this new life for ourselves, the church, society, and creation. With faith we make our offerings to you. Amen.

*Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #400

Benediction

Postlude

***Please join us for Fellowship and Coffee
in the parish hall after the service***
Rev. Dr. Charlotte Wright, Pastor
Sean McMahon, Music Minister
Emily Broderick, Lay Leader