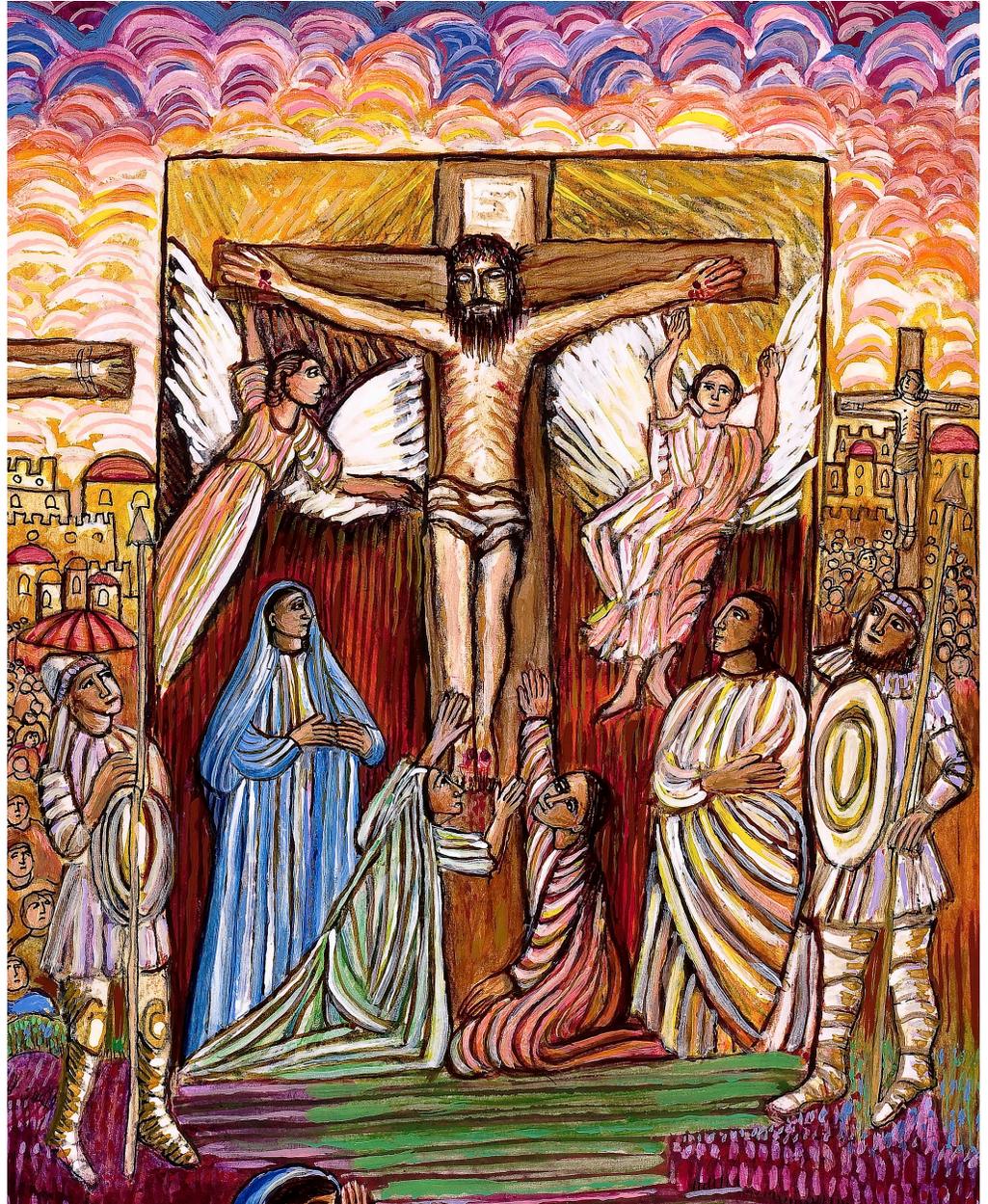


5th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026



Crucifixion 1 - Detail 2

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WORTHINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In Christ's love, we connect, serve, and transform

Worship Team

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves
Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice
Pastor for Discipleship

Rev. Betsy Rice
Pastor for Member
Ministries

Russell Nagy
Director of Music Ministries

Nicholas Robison
Director for Youth Ministries

Annie Barner
Coordinator for Children's
Ministries

Kim Anderson
Organist

*Visit our website wpcnow.org
for a complete list of staff.*

Sanctuary Flowers

*The flowers on the chancel
are given to the glory of God
by Peggy Foster in honor of
Raymond Sanborn.*

Serving Us Today

Ushers: **Team D** - Bob
Harrington & Doug Fell
captains; Steve Burk; Brent
Mulgrew; Linda Irwin-Soiu;
Mike & Debbie Murphy;
Bill Woods

Video: Bill Yost

Carillon: Linda Ranck

Church Office

Mon - Thurs: 8AM - 4PM

Fri: 8AM-2PM

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In Christ's love, we...

CONNECT ♦ **SERVE** ♦ **TRANSFORM**

Welcome

Welcome to Worthington Presbyterian Church. This congregation has worshiped together in the Worthington community since 1805. We welcome all who seek faith, hope, and joy.

Visiting for the first time today? You're invited to stay after the service. Join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall today for refreshments and conversation.

Children & Youth

Children and youth are invited to Sunday School after a brief children's message around 10:15AM. Nursery care begins at 9:45AM in the Nursery downstairs outside Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your child or youth in the following rooms after the service:

Pre-K: Room 113

Youth: Living Room

K-2: Room 112

Confirmation: Youth Room

3 - 5: Room 111

Accessibility

Accessible features of the building include:

- Handicap parking near east and west entrances
- Wheelchair ramp at the main entrance
- Elevator access
- Multiple accessible restrooms
- Listening devices for the hearing impaired 

Cornerstone Youth Band Participants

- Tristan Arthur - guitar
- Katie Becker - vocals, bass guitar
- Thomas Becker - piano
- Juliette Chang - piano
- Mary Joyce Evans - guitar, vocals
- Will Frederick - percussion
- Caleb Okeyere - percussion
- Ohenewaa Okeyere - vocals

Mentors:

- Robert Boyd, vocals
- LingLing Chen, percussion
- Tom Shaffer, guitar

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
5th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

10:00 AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand*

WELCOME

Nicholas Robison

Invitation to Mission & Discipleship *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*

Moment for Mission: *Nominating Committee*

Deacon Liz Arthur

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Please stand and greet one another in the peace of Christ.

Feel free to give friendly waves or a hand over your heart.

CALL TO WORSHIP "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

arr. Joel Raney

IN MUSIC

The Celebration Ringers - Jennifer Fry, director

The music is a call to open one's spirit to God's presence in our midst.

OPENING SENTENCES *(From Child of Blessing)*

Will Frederick

All may stretch out their hands as an expression of receptivity.

We come with longing, ***(Repeat)***

out of the depths, ***(Repeat)***

into God's presence, ***(Repeat)***

toward life made new. ***(Repeat)***

Let us worship God! ***(Repeat)***

* **HYMN #223** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we bring you our sorrow and you weep with us. You hold our grief, but we do not trust your care. You call us by name, but we do not respond. You invite us to rise, but we stay wrapped in what has been. Forgive us. Unbind us and call us to new life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

(Silent Confession)

* Lenten Kyrie (#576)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Lenten Response to Forgiveness (#434, v. 3)

Bring us, O Christ, to share

the fullness of your joy;

baptize us in the risen life

that death cannot destroy.

ANTHEM

“When the Poor Ones (Cuando el Pobre)”

Hymn #762

The Cornerstone Youth Band - Shine Robison, Director

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Annie Barner

Children & youth will attend Sunday School at 10:15AM after a brief children’s message. See inside cover for locations.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Doug Haddix

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

Praise the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Laudate Dominum

W. A. Mozart

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director
Abigail Mayer, Soprano Soloist

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes,
laudate eum, omnes populi.
Quoniam confirmata est
super nos misericordia ejus;
et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.
Gloria Patri, gloria Filio, et Spiritui
Sancto, et Spiritui Sancto;
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum.
Amen.

*Praise the Lord, all ye nations,
praise him, all ye peoples.
For his loving kindness (mercy)
has been bestowed upon us,
and the truth of the Lord endures for eternity
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:1-16a

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, **“Hail, King of the Jews!”** and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.” So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, **“Crucify him! Crucify him!”** Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.” The Jews answered him, **“We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.”**

Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no

answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "**If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against Caesar.**"

When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover, and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" They cried out, "**Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!**" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "**We have no king but Caesar.**" Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Behold the Man, Behold Our God"

Pastor Matt

Downward Glory

Fifth in a Six-Part Series

* HYMN #734

"Hope of the World"

(Choir sings V1; congregation joins V2)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Peter Okeyre

Sharing of Prayer Requests & Blessings

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory

Cameroonian Women

* Song of Dedication (#698)
*Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings
Scan the QR code to give online or visit wpcnow.org/give



GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN #775 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE "Great God, We Sing Thy Mighty Hand"
Kim Anderson, organist

Lani Smith

*Please remain seated during the postlude as it is the final "Amen" to our worship.
Those who need to leave before the end of the postlude are free to do so quietly.*

*Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall
after the worship service for refreshments and conversation.*

Now is the Time to Influence the Leadership of WPC

Your referrals and self-referrals do matter. The Nominating Committee is prayerfully seeking Elders (6), Deacons (8), and Nominating Committee members (6) who are more representative of our congregation. Elders use their gifts to guide our church to carry out our missions as faithfully as possible. Deacons use their gifts to serve the sick, the lonely and those struggling in daily life. The Nominating Committee selects members for service and discerns their callings.



View position descriptions at wpcnow.org/nominating or scan the QR code. Referrals, including self referrals, can be shared via the WPC referral form and handed directly to members of the Nominating Committee: **Liz Arthur, Duane Cable, Andy Balsler, Virginia Duym, Ray Mundy, Neal Porteus, and Gary Riddle**. Forms may also be placed in an envelope and dropped off in the church office.

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK



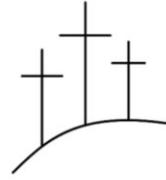
Palm Sunday

March 29
8AM | 10AM



Maundy Thursday

April 2
7PM



Good Friday

April 3
Noon | 7PM



Easter Sunday

April 5
7AM | 9AM | 11AM

TODAY

Meeting Jesus at the Table

9AM • Room 222

NNEMAP Breakdown

11AM • Fellowship Hall

Youth Group

5-7PM • Youth Room

THIS WEEK

Y Family Dinner • March 23 • 4PM
(WPC) or 4:45PM (Y Family Center)

TNT • March 24 • 6PM • Fellowship Hall
(*Read intro + chapter 1*)

Introduction to Christian Meditation
March 25 • 7PM • Chapel (with soup
potluck at 6:30PM)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Palm Parade • March 29

All children are invited to join a palm parade at the start of the 10AM service. They should also bring their fish banks to church next Sunday.

Easter Egg Hunt • April 5 • 12:15PM

Join us on the front lawn of the church after the 11AM Easter worship service. Please bring your own basket!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lily Dedications (Last Chance!) Honor loved ones with a \$30+ gift for Easter flowers. Forms are available downstairs on the table outside the church office or on our website. **Deadline: Wednesday, March 25.**

SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

Support the most vulnerable—locally and globally—by giving to **One Great Hour of Sharing** this Lent (Feb. 18–April 5). The offering will be received during worship next Sunday, March 29. Give by check (memo: OGHS) or online.

Help us provide **Easter baskets** (K-5) for children in our community! Pick up instructions around the church or on our website. Drop off in Fellowship Hall by March 29 at 11AM.

Help us build the walls for a **Habitat for Humanity** house on the front lawn of our church! We need up to 120 volunteers (ages 10+ with no experience required) to arrive at 9AM on April 25. Everyone is welcome. Look for the sign up genius or visit wpcnow.org/habitat.

Scan this code if you
are looking for
a sign-up form.

