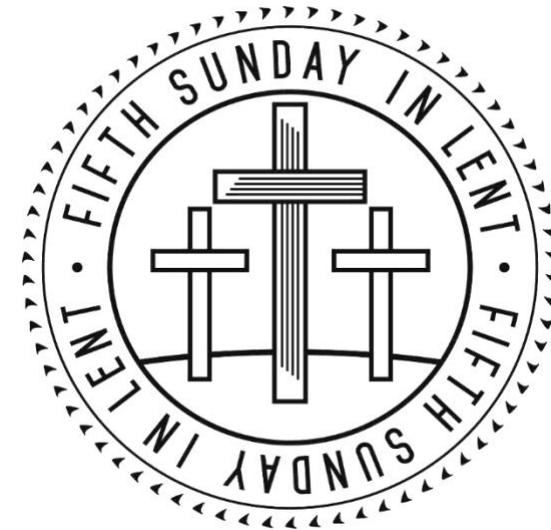


MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



March 22, 2026
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

As a Congregational church, Meadowbrook traces its roots to the Pilgrims. We continue to explore our faith as a people free to interpret God's Word according to the dictates of our own conscience and in mutual support and love of one another. Not bound by any one creed or statement of faith, Congregationalists are gathered around a local church covenant in which we promise to serve alongside one another as followers of Jesus Christ.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

"Passacaglia" by G.F. Handel

Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Mimi Biedron

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: *May the peace of the Lord be with you.*

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Leader: *Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

CHORAL INTROIT

I take, thy cross, O shadow, for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face

**Stand in body or spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jody Scheller

Leader: *Come, friends, and sit with the One who cares for you and strangers alike!*

People: **We gather to worship with the One whose lavish love has been given for all!**

Leader: *Come, let us offer ourselves, that we too may pour out our lives in service and care for the world.*

People: **May our hearts open to the wonder and beauty of Christ's presence, as we worship in spirit and in truth.**

*GATHERING HYMN

"At the Name of Jesus" #213

**INVOCATION (in unison)*

Jody Scheller

Lord, we pray this hour longing to love you for your grace given so freely. We hunger for authentic relationships, that we too may be your disciples, offering ourselves in praise and love for others. Following in Mary's extravagant gift, we pour out our best lives, in praise, song, prayer and service. Through Christ, who taught us to pray together:

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (using Debts and Debtors)*

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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Psalm 77" #658

(Children are released to Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 37:1-14 | Page #806 OT

Jody Scheller

Leader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"John 3:16" by B.E. Boykin

Chancel Choir

A TIME OF SILENCE & MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Mimi Biedron

CHORAL AMEN

CALL FOR THE MORNING OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Mimi Biedron

OFFERTORY

"Aria" by Michael Burkhardt

Dave Howland

***DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Mimi Biedron

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: John 11:38-41 | Page #105 NT

Rev. Dr. Mimi Biedron

CHORAL RESPONSE:

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His word, I put my hope.

MESSAGE

"Coming Back to Life"

Rev. Dr. Mimi Biedron

*SENDING HYMN

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" #350

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Mimi Biedron

POSTLUDE

"Prelude No. 2 in D minor" by J.S. Bach

Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Danny Reeves and Chancel Choir | **TECHNICIAN:** Moe Elmasry

GREETER: Michele Fecht | **LITURGIST:** Jody Scheller

We are grateful to have Rev. Dr. Mimi Biedron returning to the pulpit this morning. Please join us after worship service for a time of refreshment and fellowship and to extend our thanks to our technician Moe Elmasry who has taken a full-time position in Lansing. Today is his last day at Meadowbrook. We are grateful for the time and talent he shared with us.