

# HOPE

Lutheran Church

Pastor Christie Beckmann

# March 26, 2023

Inspiring Worship

4695 Blue Rock Rd.

Cincinnati, OH 45247

[www.HopeOnBlueRock.org](http://www.HopeOnBlueRock.org)

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### WELCOME HOME

*There's a place for you here.*



Building hope and serving God, we are anchored in faith and saved by God's grace. Led by the Holy Spirit, it is our purpose to invite all to know hope, love, and peace through Jesus Christ. All are welcome to enter a new season of Hope with us. Wherever you find yourself in life, know that there is a place for you here at HOPE.

**Welcome all guests & visitors!**



We are glad you are here and would like to continue to connect with you! Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering basket or return it to an usher. Or, scan the QR code with your smart phone to complete the information online.

**Audio Aid** for hearing impaired is available; ask an usher or sound board operator. Words to songs and scripture are on the screens, available in the red pew hymnals, or on the Worship Music for Lent handout.



**Nursery care** for children ages 5 and under is available throughout the service. **Children's church** for ages 2+ will take place after the Children's Message.

# ★ ★ Welcome to Worship ★ ★

HOPE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

Inspiring Worship Service

In-Person and Livestreamed  
March 26, 2023, 10:00 am

## Fifth Sunday of Lent



\* \* \* \*

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Christie Beckmann

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS		Pastor Christie
GATHERING SONG		Dale Renner, <i>organ</i>
	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	
GREETING		Pastor Christie
KYRIE		Praise Band
SONG of PRAISE		Praise Band
PRAYER of the Day		Pastor Christie
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Pastor Christie
FIRST READING	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Eva McMasters
SECOND READING	Romans 8:6-11	Eva McMasters
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION		Praise Band & Congregation
GOSPEL READING	John 11:1-45	Pastor Christie
SERMON		Pastor Christie
HYMN of the DAY		Lucinda Hardin, <i>solo</i>
	<i>Tell Me the Story of Jesus</i>	
APOSTLES' CREED		Karen Schneider
PRAYERS of INTERCESSION		Karen Schneider

## This Week at Hope! March 27 - April 2, 2023

Monday	Praise Band Practice	6:00 pm
Thursday	Lenten Worship Service	1:00 pm
	Bible Study	1:30 pm
Friday	Cantata Practice @ GUMC	6:00 pm
Sunday	Cantata Practice @ GUMC	1:00 pm

\* \* \* \*

### NEXT SUNDAY at Hope

Inspiring Worship 10:00 am

Nursery Care Available 9:45-11:15 am

† † † † † † † † † † †

### READINGS for NEXT SUNDAY

1st Reading	Isaiah	50:4- 9a
2nd Reading	Philippians	2:5-11
3rd Reading	Matthew	26:14--27:66

## Meetings and Visits with Pastor Christie



Pastor would love to meet with you or visit you! To schedule an appointment, call or text her at 317-828-5949. Office hours are posted on the calendar page on our website [hopeonbluerock.org](http://hopeonbluerock.org) and are updated daily.

### God's Office Hours 24-7

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆



Thursday - 1:30

## Easter Candy Donations Needed!

Please bring bags of small pre-wrapped candies (without nuts) by April 2, to be used for Hope's egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Thank you!



\* \* \* \*



## Celebrating Palm/Passion Sunday with Music & Drama

Join us at 10 a.m. next Sunday for a very special worship service! Our children will begin the service by acting out the story of Palm Sunday and leading us in a parade around the sanctuary. We will then use dramatic storytelling and special music to help us explore the feelings of Jesus's disciples during the crucifixion. This time of drama and music will feature excerpts from a play called *The Jesus I Know*, written and performed by Pastor Christie and guest actor/author Jeffrey Barnes, as well as special music from *Godspell* featuring soloist Sara Pate.



## LENT & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<b>Thursdays</b>	March 2-30	1 pm worship, 1:30 p.m. Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b>	April 2	10 am worship - Palm Sunday Drama
<b>Thursday</b>	April 6	7 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

### GOOD FRIDAY, April 7

7 pm Cantata @ Groesbeck United Methodist Church

### EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 am

11 am Dove Release, Easter egg hunt, & Byrne Family Brunch (sign up in Narthex)

(All worship services @ Hope will be livestreamed, as well as in-person. Bible Study is available via zoom and in-person.)

## Liturgical Worship

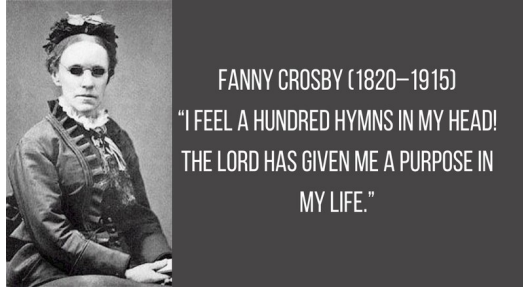
Christian liturgy is a pattern for worship used by a congregation or denomination on a regular basis. The term liturgy comes from Greek and means "public work." The Lutheran church is steeped in a liturgical tradition, utilizing responses from the hymnal, that are sung or spoken. During our Lenten journey, which focuses on repentance and forgiveness, our service order will follow a liturgical pattern that will be used every week, until Easter, when the word "alleluia" returns.

PEACE	Pastor Christie
OFFERING SONG	Praise Band
	<i>Create in Me a Clean Heart</i>
OFFERING PRAYER	Pastor Christie
GREAT THANKSGIVING	Pastor Christie
GATHERING of the COMMUNION ELEMENTS	Pastor Christie
DIALOGUE	Pastor Christie & Dale Renner
PREFACE	Pastor Christie
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY	Dale Renner & Congregation
THANKSGIVING at the TABLE	Pastor Christie
LORD'S PRAYER	Pastor Christie
INVITATION to COMMUNION	Pastor Christie
COMMUNION	Pastor Christie
COMMUNION SONG 1	Dale Renner
	<i>Lamb of God</i>
COMMUNION SONG 2	Dale & Martha Renner
	<i>Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross</i> (ELW 335)
PRAYER following COMMUNION	Pastor Christie
SENDING SONG	Dale Renner & Praise Band
	<i>Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone</i>
BLESSING	Pastor Christie
	God, the giver of love, ✚ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.
	<b>Amen.</b>
DISMISSAL	Pastor Christie
	Go in Peace. Serve in love.

THANKS BE TO GOD.



**In the year 1820, there was a 6-week-old Puritan girl, who was suffering from an eye infection.**



Her parents went to obtain the services of the town physician but found the physician had gone out of town. They decided to utilize services from another local physician. The “doctor” treated the baby by putting a mustard poultice on her eyes. The treatment was successful and cleared up the eye infection, however, the poultice burned the fragile little baby’s corneas causing her to be blind for the rest of her life. No one knew at that time, that the precious little blind baby would go down in history as the world’s most famous hymn songwriter of all time. This little baby’s name was Fanny J. Crosby.

Frances Jane van Alstyne (aka Fanny J. Crosby) was born on March 24, 1820 in Brewster, New York. During her childhood, her biggest desire and daily prayers were to be able to go to school and learn just like children who could see. Despite her losing her eyesight, Fanny had the faith of a mustard seed. She stated at one point in her life, “It seemed intended by the blessed providence of God that I should be blind all my life, and I thank him for the dispensation.” In 1835, God answered Fanny’s prayer! She was enrolled into the New York Institution for the Blind. During her tenure at NYIB and music career, she met with over 22 presidents and famous dignitaries, and submitted a poetic eulogy to the New York Times, remembering President William Henry Harrison. She collaborated with other music composers, like Ira Sankey (who was in ministry with the famous reverend Dwight L. Moody), Phoebe Palmer Knapp, and William Doane, in creating some of the world’s most notable hymns today. On Sunday, March 26, 1905, churches from different denominations around the world declared March 26<sup>th</sup> as Fanny Crosby Day. Fanny died from a cerebral hemorrhage on

February 12, 1915, at the age of 94. Her biggest desire in life was to see Jesus and witnesses say that when she took her last breath, she had a smile on her face and was at peace.

Fanny always looked to God first when writing a song. She stated “It may seem a little old-fashioned, always to begin one’s work with prayer, but I never undertake a hymn without first asking the good Lord for inspiration.” Fanny wrote over 10,000 hymns and had over 200 pen names. Some of her famous works include, “Blessed Assurance”, “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”, “He Hideth My Soul”, “To God Be The Glory” and many more. In today’s service, we will be singing “Blessed Assurance” and “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross”. The following is a little back story to each song.

“**Blessed Assurance**” written in 1873 is by far the most famous song Fanny wrote. Her best friend, Phoebe Knapp was having a large pipe organ installed in her home. Fanny was visiting during the time the organ was being installed. While waiting for the organ installation to be complete, Phoebe asked Fanny if she would listen to a melody on the piano she had just composed. After listening to just a few notes, Phoebe asked Fanny what she thought the tune said. Crosby replied, “Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine.” Less than 30 minutes later, Fanny had written the words to “Blessed Assurance”. “Blessed Assurance” is one of the most famous and translated hymns in history besides the famous song “**Amazing Grace**”. Fanny’s vision of these words came from the Apostle Paul in Philippians 1:21, “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain” (ESV)

“**Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross**” written in 1869 is another well-known hymn. The song is based from Galatians 6:14, “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world.” (ESV). The melody was composed by Howard Doane before Fanny wrote the lyrics. The song has been translated into several languages and is still being sung in churches and memorial services today.

*Blessed Assurance*