

# Second Sunday in Lent

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church  
Classic Worship, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
March 5, 2023

(\* The asterisk indicates to stand, as you are able.)

## WELCOME

Dr. John Robbins

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Praise to the Living God*

Isadore Freed

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP – based on Isaiah 43:19-21

Pastor: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**People: We rejoice in our God,  
who has made a way through the desert of this world.**

Pastor: Let us worship God,  
who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

**People: We are the people God has formed through Christ,  
we worship, and we rejoice!**

Pastor: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us.  
Alleluia! We rejoice!**

## \* HYMN 159

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

## \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

Dr. Jeffery Hampton

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen**

## \* GLORIA PATRI 70

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**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. Amen.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Katy Chambers

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our impure hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
more perfectly love you and magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the good news.

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven,  
All: Glory to God. Amen.**

## HYMN 405

*Seek Ye First*

SEEK YE

## \* SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:1-5, 16-17

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## \* GREETING

## SERMON

Why Jesus?

Dr. Robbins

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Chambers

## BECAUSE YOU GIVE

Matt Buchanan

## GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Here O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*  
Chancel Choir & Andrew Irvin, violin

arr. Kevin Robison

## \* DOXOLOGY 95

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

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

## \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Dr. Hampton

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:*

And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:*

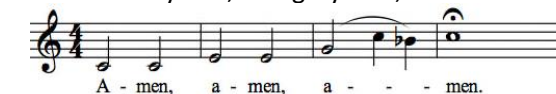
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a-gain!

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:*

All honor is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



A-men, a-men, a-men.

**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 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.

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**      *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*      *arr. James Curnow*  
Andrew Irvin, violin

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

\* **HYMN 98**      *To God Be the Glory*      **TO GOD BE THE GLORY**  
(Verses 1 & 3)

\* **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

We rejoice to recognize you as a member of Christ's holy church, and we welcome you to Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

\* **BENEDICTION**

Let us go out and inspire love, embrace Christ, engage the world,  
and tell somebody about Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church.

\* **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**      *Postlude in A Minor*      *George Calkin*

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Dr. John Robbins, *Senior Pastor*  
Dr. Jeffery Hampton, *Pastor, Caring Ministries*; Rev. Katye Chambers, *Associate Pastor*  
Dr. Frode Gundersen, *Director of Music & Worship*; Sungyun Kim, *Organist & Associate Music Director*

**ACOLYTES**

(9:00) George Cox & Ella Jennings (11:00) Mary Carol Daugherty

**USHERS**

(9:00) Caroline Beauchamp (*Lead*), Nancy Bartlett, Grant Cox, Rick Fleetwood, Jesse Gibson  
(11:00) Emmy Jones (*Lead*), David Jones, Anne Laidlaw, Hayes Laidlaw

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The Sanctuary flowers are given in honor of Kendall Byrd and Lane Phillips by Bill Byrd and Martha Hendrix.

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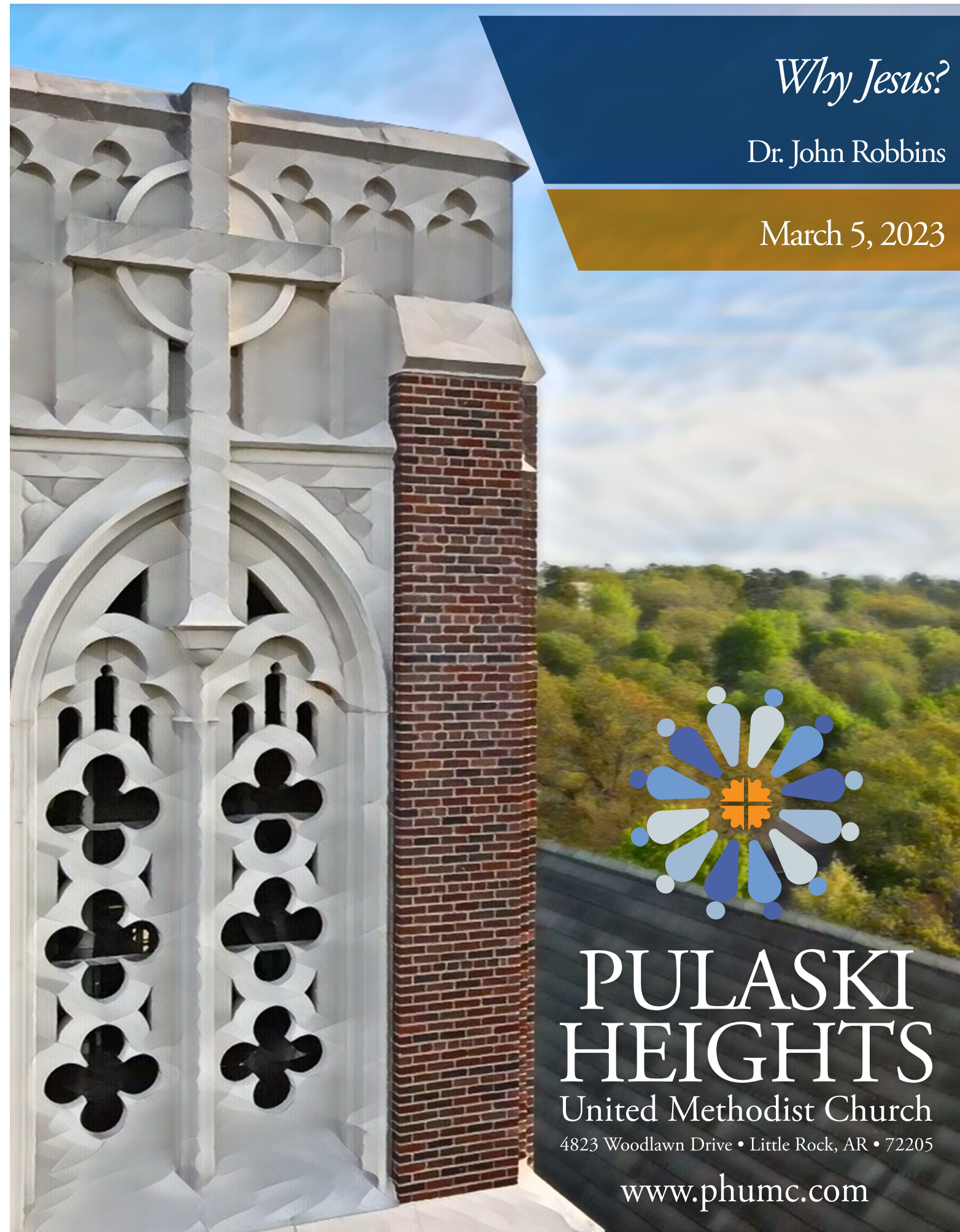
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*Why Jesus?*

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