



“O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.”

– Ezekiel 37:4

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OUR CHURCH AT WORSHIP

March 29, 2020

5th Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

Althea Waites

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

People: Thank you for attending to my prayers.

Leader: I wait for you, Lord. My soul waits.

People: I hope in your word.

Leader: With the Lord there is steadfast love.

People: With God is great power to redeem.

HYMN

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Charles Dickerson

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life a new,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Till all this earthly part of me glows
With thy fire divine.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RENEWAL

Unison: God of steadfast faithfulness, we confess that our minds sometimes wander away from your peace. Our attention is caught by worrisome news and multiple uncertainties. We are concerned about whether necessary and helpful resources will last. We take these moments now to return our focus to you. We remember your deep and unending care for us. We allow ourselves to be held in your goodness. We welcome your grace growing in us and around us. Each breath increases our trust in your power for life. We await your word of hope.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Michele Nelson

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Charles Dickerson

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jonathan Chute

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

April Herron

ANTHEM

“Dry Bones” – arr. Jester Hairston

Charles Dickerson

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Jonathan Chute

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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Althea Waites

*DOXOLOGY

Charles Dickerson

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

SCRIPTURE

- Ezekiel 37:1-10

Life comes to the valley of dry bones

Michele Nelson

SERMON

“The Power of Speech”

April Herron

*HYMN

“Hymn of Promise”

Charles Dickerson

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

Althea Waites

Rev. Jonathan Chute, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Martha Rowlett, Senior Pastor Emeritus
Myra Ghabrial, Preschool Director
Annette Matsuda, Parish Nurse
Megan Pelc, Kid Zone/Mid Zone Director
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Rev. Dr. April Herron, Associate Pastor
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