

## Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude: "Let the Whole Creation Cry" # 21

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn of Gathering: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" # 585

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer! Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

## Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

\*Responsive Call to Worship 8:30am Don Aye/10:30am John Mowen

"Psalm 130" (see insert) # 762

## Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Message Rev. Schwartz & Abigail

Text Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (NRSVA)

Message "Do You Know God?" Rev. Schwartz

## Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings 8:30am Don Aye/10:30am Frank Morgan

\*Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 46

Prayer of Dedication

\* = Please stand

## Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

A Prayer of Confession # 571

Communion Meditation and Invitation 8:30am Rev. Schwartz/10:30am Frank Morgan

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*

Communion Music: "All Sons and Daughters – Great Are you Lord" MSPW8 # 430

\*Come forward to the Lord's Table to partake of Communion

## Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn: "Revive Us Again" SHR # 490

1. We praise Thee, O God! For the Son of Thy love, For Jesus who died, and is now gone above.

**Refrain:** Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Hallelujah! Amen! Hallelujah! Thine the glory; Revive us again.

2. We praise Thee, O God! For Thy Spirit of light, Who has shown us our Savior, and scattered our night. **Refrain:**

3. All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain, Who has borne all our sins and has cleansed every stain. **Refrain:**

4. Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love; May each soul be rekindled with fire from above. **Refrain:**

\*Benediction Rev. Schwartz

Postlude: "In the Name of the Lord" # 28

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Liturgical Color: Violet

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NRSVA)

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord GOD, you know.’ <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.’

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.’

**L: These are Words from the Lord**

P: Thanks be to God!

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*Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.*