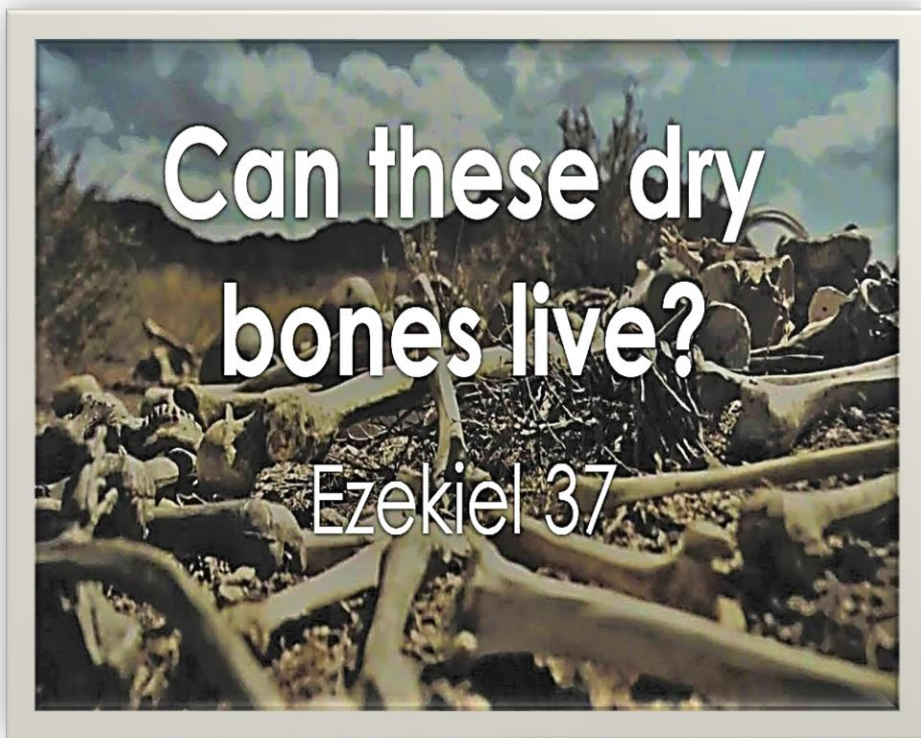


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Fifth Sunday in Lent

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**All are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE

Jeanine Armstrong

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

RINGING OF THE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Spirit of God has brought us here.

All: The Lord has set us down here, though our bones are tired.

One: Can these dry bones live?

All: Yes! The Breath of God will revive us! The Word of God will awaken us!

One: Today, we come together to experience new life.

All: Let us give thanks to the Wild, Life-Giving Spirit of God!

-written by Amy Loving

*OPENING HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises

NCH #238

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

UNISON PRAYER

Holy God, Creator of Life, You call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit. Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace, In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen. *-written by Nancy Johnson*

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Dustin Adkins

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. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 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." 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. 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. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, 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." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 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.' Therefore prophecy, 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. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 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.

One: The word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

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OFFERING INVITATION

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OFFERTORY

Jeanine Armstrong

*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,**

**Praise God for all that Love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Spirit of the Living God

2x through

NCH #283

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

NCH#43

*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

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POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

MONDAY	7:00 PM	BOY SCOUTS
TUESDAY	10:00 AM	ZOOM BIBLE STUDY
	7:00 PM	CTK - GUIDED LENTEN PRAYER
WEDNESDAY	6:00 PM	COMMUNITY MEAL
	7:00 PM	LENTEN DISCUSSION
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	ART CLASS
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	WORSHIP
	3:00 PM	CHRIST THE KING

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Congregational Meeting** follows the service at 10:30 am.
- **Zoom Bible Study** – Join us Tuesdays at 10 am. Word of the day is.. forgive.
- **Easter Egg Hunt 4/8** – Please continue to help us fill the eggs for our annual hunt!
- **Ellie McHenry** can be reached at: Villas at Sunny Acres, 2515 E. 104th, Thornton, Colo. 80233 303-255-4100