

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER..... Pastor and Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor and Congregation

**Eternal God, source of resurrection and life,
the promise of Your new life in Christ
is like a breath of fresh air in a dry and thirsty land.
We have gathered as believers, sincerely seeking Your truth...
Sincerely seeking to hear your voice.
Guide our worship this hour. Amen**

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP ... "Spirit of the Living God" ... p. 234 Congregation

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ... *Ezekiel 37:1-14* Reggie Jackson

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. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ 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." ⁷ 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. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹ 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.' ¹² 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. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ 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."

HYMN ... "O Worship the King" 52

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rebecca Blake

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we open our hearts to you, trusting that your love and goodness is stronger than all of our shortcomings. We have been afraid to trust you, and we have forgotten the assurance of your eternal presence. We have sacrificed our convictions, quieted our voices, given in to distractions, and looked out for ourselves above all else. We have considered giving up when the task before us seems too great. Forgive us and help us to be guided by your Spirit and to be filled with the One who gives us new life. Amen

Hear the Good News, in the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.

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MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY HYMN ... "In the Bulb"545

OFFERTORY PRAYER Usher

OFFERTORY

GOSPEL LESSON ... *John 11:38-45* Molly Abbott

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

ANTHEM... "You Are Lord" Choir

SERMON ... *Resurrecting Hope* Pastor

CLOSING HYMN ... "The Solid Rock" ... vs. 1 and 3590

POSTLUDE

CALENDAR

TODAY

5:30 p.m. Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p.m. COVERED DISH

6:45 p.m. Bible Study ... Children and Youth Programs

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. Practice for Palm Sunday

11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

NEXT SUNDAY

11:00 a.m. Holy Week Musical ... *Come to the Cross and Remember*

6:00 p.m. *Come to the Cross and Remember* at Southern Correctional

USHERS

TODAY Dwight Saunders' Team
 NEXT SUNDAY Eugene Crisco's Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TODAY Tina Cripps
 NEXT SUNDAY Alisa Beard

NURSERY

TODAY Pauline Jackson and Alisa Beard
 NEXT SUNDAY Barbara Smith

PRAYER LIST

Church family: Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Jack Boone, John & Alisa Beard, Larry Wilson, Rodney Loflin, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Gary McCaskill, Sarah Jo Wall, Betty Green			Ernest , Karen Dailey	Judy and Estella	daughters
At Home: Helen Greene, Violet Epps, Irene Warner, Florence Cagle			Garrett Gooch	Mary Chunn	grandmother
Friends and Relatives of:			Ray, Frances Hudson		daughter
Molly/Wayne Abbott	Henrietta Garner	friend	Paul/Thelma Hussey	Harold Johnson	brother
	Monnie Jenkins	friend		Meryl Johnson	sister-in-law
	Juanita King	friend		Mildred Hunsucker	friend
	Tony Lawson	friend	Mary James	Benny McBride	friend
	Toni Atcheson	sister		Bob Moore	nephew
	Cassie Jenkins	granddaughter		Pam, Ken Morgan	niece, nephew
	Martha Garner	sister	Butch/Nancy Jenkins	John Moore	Nancy's father
	Tammy Laprade	sister	Candy Loflin	Cristie Thomas	friend
	Audrey Grace Bryan...	friend		Beth Holt	friend
Dave/Barb Buckland	Retha Brooks	Sue Ann's mother		Misty Morgan	friend.
Jane Covington	Faye	sister	Max/Jane Luquire	Iris Luquire	sister-in-law
	Pete Thomas	brother-in-law		Jo Brooks	friend
	Lee Kasik	grandson-in-law	Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompso	nephew
Tim and Tammy Dunn	Todd Reece	friend		Melissa Green	daughter
	Scott Reece	friend	Jean Maness	Helen Mabe	aunt
	Lynn Saunders	cousin		Carol Luther	friend
			Sylvia McAlister	Tammy Parker	friend
			Janie McCaskill	Larry Holt	brother
			Pat/Bob Morgan	Jesse Wallace	friend
			Jeff Robinson	June Spears	friend
			Nancy Ruppert	Marie Spoon	sister
			Barbara Smith	Laura Wilson	friend
				Doris Hinson	friend
Service Personnel: Devin Hurley, Mark Davis, Dylan McCaskill, Christian Rush, Seth Spivey, Garrett Wallace, Chris Stuart					