



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All



October 11, 2020

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Outdoor, Zoom, and Parking Lot

FROM YOUR CAR: Tune into 88.1 FM on your radio to listen (up to 300 meters from the church.) The parking lot at Lucky's should be fine.

Activity bags for children are on the welcome tables Sanitizer and masks are free!
Wrapped cookies can be picked up on your way out.
Please keep physically distanced with masks on always.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Dry Bones" Traditional arr. By L. Gearhart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively) inspired by Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Spirit of God has brought us here.

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

Can these dry bones live?

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

Today, we come together to experience new life.

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

*HYMN #610 (vs. 1-3) "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" Charles Wesley

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.*

*Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.*

*OPENING PRAYER (inspired by 2 Corinthians 5: 6-17)

Creator and Ruler of the Earth,

we lift up our voices, our eyes, our hearts,

our lives to You in praise.

Make us Your alleluia people.

Uphold the weary, for whom praise may be very difficult.

Humble the strong, for whom "alleluia" may be too easy.

**Creator and Ruler of the Earth,
continue to form us into Your new creation,
that we might welcome You to more fully become
the ruler of our hearts and minds.
Through Him who came as a servant,
and who now reigns over all creation,
Jesus, our Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Hear the good news:

Those who are in Christ are a new creation;
the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.

All this is from God to whom we have been reconciled through Christ.

And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

CALL FOR OFFERING

Diane Osten

OFFERTORY "People Need the Lord"

by G. Nelson and P. Mchugh

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 37:1-10

Diane Osten

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 round 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, 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.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

This is the word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "In Christ There is No East or West" African Amer. Spiritual (1884)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-20

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Dry Bones or Green Eggs and Ham?" Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

HYMN #286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Edwin Hatch, 1878

*Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
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,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (inspired by Ezekiel 37)

O God, who always listens to us,
who breathes new life into us,
call us forward to new life.

We are surrounded by a world of dry bones,
a world of death and despair,
a world where we lose hope in our structures, ourselves, and you.
We pray for this world in need of your Word:
for all the people in it . . .
for those who lay down their lives . . .
for those who lead . . .

Silence

O God, who always listens to us,
who breathes new life into us,
call us forward to new life.

We are surrounded by people with dried up lives,
people unable to see your eternal life past their tears.

We pray for this world in need of your healing presence:
for those who are imprisoned or alone,
those ill temporarily or chronically, those grieving, especially . . .

Silence

O God, who always listens to us,
who breathes new life into us,
call us forward to new life.

We are spellbound by those dry bones,
terrified of the stink of death,
and often too dumbfounded to call forth life in your name.
We pray for your chosen people, your Church . . .
We pray for the courage not just to follow you to death,
but to follow you to the New Creation.

Silence

O God, who always listens to us,
who breathes new life into us,
call us forward to resurrection.

Call us to follow in the footsteps of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior, who taught us when we pray to say:

(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.

***Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.***

***Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.***

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing, "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand; and you goaded your people with a law and a land. When they were confounded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill; then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still. And down in the city, you called once again when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams. Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.

BENEDICTION

As we depart from this space, may our journeys continue to follow Christ's story of reconciliation, healing and new creations.

May our voices of grace echo Christ's calls to forgive, as we allow our thoughts and actions to convey God's, justice, mercy and redemption.

POSTLUDE

"Magnificat"

by Johann Pachelbel (1653 – 1706)

Ref: Opening Prayer ~ posted on My Redeemer Lives website. <http://www.myredeemerlives.com/prayers.html>
Prayer of the People: adapted from a prayer by Brummhart Publishing, DeFreestville, NY. Posted on the Reformed Church in America website. <https://www.rca.org/>

Pastor: *Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway*
Liturgist: *Diane Osten*
Music: *Althea Wright, Myles Ellis, The Chancel Choir*
Technology Director: *Norm Smith*

PRAYER REQUESTS Please include in your prayers

- *The family of Althea Wright's ex-husband, as they mourn his recent passing.
- *The family of Helen Burns, as they mourn her passing on August 14th.
- *The family of Elizabeth Ann Palmer, as they mourn her passing on July 24th.
- *The family of Gwen Christiansen, as they mourn her passing on June 5, 2020

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

Bill Beaumont	Janice Holmes	Shirley Walton
Bob Bunting	Carolyn Kenworthy	Bob Weber
Patrick Butler	Margret Kram	Jill White
Peggy Call	Vivian Mazeski	Roger White
Stephanie Caron	Luu Maxwell	Helen Wikle
Doreen Cowden	Jessica Morse	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Dick Draper	Debbie Seat	Betsy Yeager
Danny Duchsherer	Bob Simmons	Avery Yudice
Barbara Flannery	Sharon Sorani	
Marilyn Hilan		

THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

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