



**Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
January 8, 2023
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

† Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:22-23

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

† Invocation & Lord's Prayer

Unison

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.

† Hymn of Praise

#245 (TH#32)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of Your holy name. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 145:8-9

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

† Hymn of Assurance

#397 (TH #334)

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

† Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith
Ch. 10 sec. 1 & 2

All those whom God hath predestined unto life, and those only, He is pleased, in His appointed and accepted time, effectually to call by His Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death, in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation, by Jesus Christ; enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God, taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them a heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and, by His almighty power, determining them to that which is good, and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ: yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by His grace.

This effectual call is of God’s free and special grace alone, not from anything at all foreseen in man, who is altogether passive therein, until, being quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is thereby enabled to answer this call, and to embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-23

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley: it was full of bones. ² And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴ Then He said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the

Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon 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 was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, 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, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹ Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ ¹² Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

¹⁵ The word of the Lord came to me: ¹⁶ “Son of man, take a stick and write on it, ‘For Judah, and the people of Israel associated with him’; then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with him.’ ¹⁷ And join them one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand. ¹⁸ And when your people say to you, ‘Will you not tell us what you mean by these?’ ¹⁹ say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am about to take the stick of Joseph (that is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with him. And I will join with it the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, that they may be one in my hand. ²⁰ When the sticks on which you write are in your hand before their eyes, ²¹ then say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land. ²² And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. And one king shall be king over them all, and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms. ²³ They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the

backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Sermon

“Dry Bones Will Live!”

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

“Gloria Patri”

#571 (TH #734)

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Response**

“Revive Thy Work, O Lord”

#413 (TH #370)

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE

Jan. 8, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Ezekiel 37:1-23

“Dry Bones Will Live!”

Introduction

1. What the Dry Bones Represent (v.1-3)
 - a) Israel and Judah
 - b) Everyone
2. The Spirit of God **Renews** Life (v.4-10)
3. God will **Reunite** Israel and Judah (v.15-22)
4. God will work out **Repentance** in His people (v. 23-24)

Conclusion

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see: all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed— Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

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William M. Runyan, 1923

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Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, dove di - vine, let thy light with - in me shine;
 2. Speak thy par - d'ning grace to me, set the bur - dened sin - ner free;
 3. Life and peace to me im - part; seal sal - va - tion on my heart;
 4. Let me nev - er from thee stray, keep me in the nar - row way;

all my guilt - y fears re - move, fill me full of heav'n and love.
 lead me to the Lamb of God, wash me in his pre - cious blood.
 breathe thy - self in - to my breast, ear - nest of im - mor - tal rest.
 fill my soul with joy di - vine, keep me, Lord, for - ev - er thine.

John Stocker, 1777

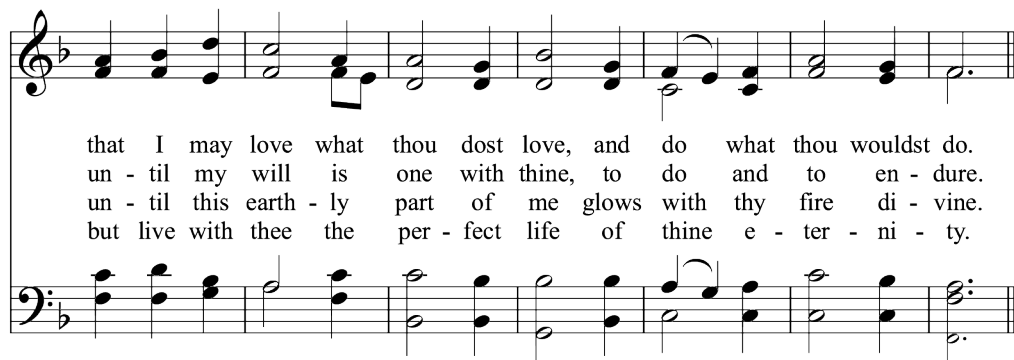
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Louis M. Gottschalk, 1867; arr.

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, 'til I am whol - ly thine,
 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

THE HOLY SPIRIT



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til my will is one with thine, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Edwin Hatch, 1878

TRENTHAM S.M.
Robert Jackson, 1888

O Spirit, Fill Our Hearts

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1. O Spi - rit, fill our hearts, so full of sin and grief,
2. When left to our own way, a - bid - ing in the flesh,
3. Yet as the Fa - ther grants, ac - cord - ing to his plan,
4. To whom then shall we go? We trust and rest in thee,
with words that fill us with thy life, dis - pel - ling un - be - lief.
we choose not thee, O Christ, a - las; we turn to wick - ed - ness.
he gives e - ter - nal life to those who from his pres - ence ran.
who from our fears and sins and grief has come to set us free!

Based on John 6:60–70
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CLARIDGE S.M.
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DOXOLOGIES

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Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

2nd cent; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (MEINEKE) Irreg.
Charles Meineke, 1844

412 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1. Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; curb those who by de - ceit or sword
 2. Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of lords a - lone;
 3. O Com - for - ter of price - less worth, send peace and u - ni - ty on earth;

would wrest the king - dom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.
 de - fend your ho - ly church, that we may sing your praise tri - um - phant - ly.
 sup - port us in our fi - nal strife, and lead us out of death to life.

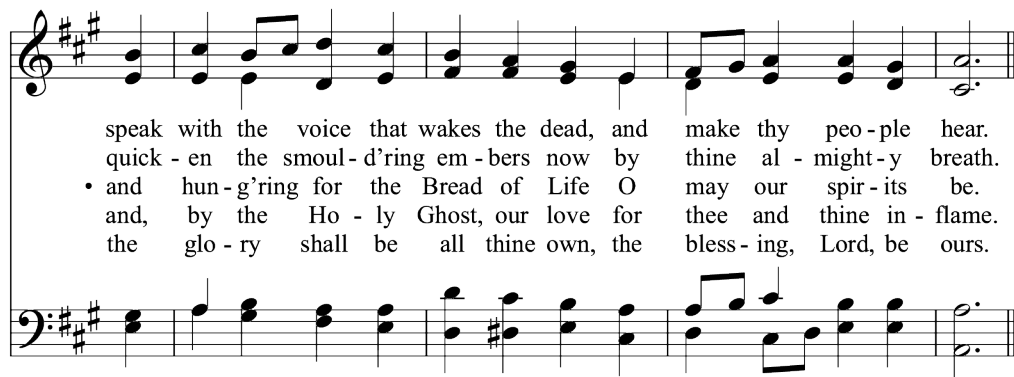
Martin Luther, 1541, 1542
 Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.; mod.

ERHALT UNS, HERR L.M.
 Joseph Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

413 Revive Thy Work, O Lord

1. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, thy might - y arm make bare;
 2. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, dis - turb this sleep of death;
 3. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, cre - ate soul - thirst for thee;
 4. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, ex - alt thy pre - cious name;
 5. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, give Pen - te - cos - tal show'rs;

THE KINGDOM OF GOD



speak with the voice that wakes the dead, and make thy peo-ple hear.
 quick - en the smoul - d'ring em - bers now by thine al - might - y breath.
 • and hun - g'ring for the Bread of Life O may our spir - its be.
 and, by the Ho - ly Ghost, our love for thee and thine in - flame.
 the glo - ry shall be all thine own, the bless - ing, Lord, be ours.

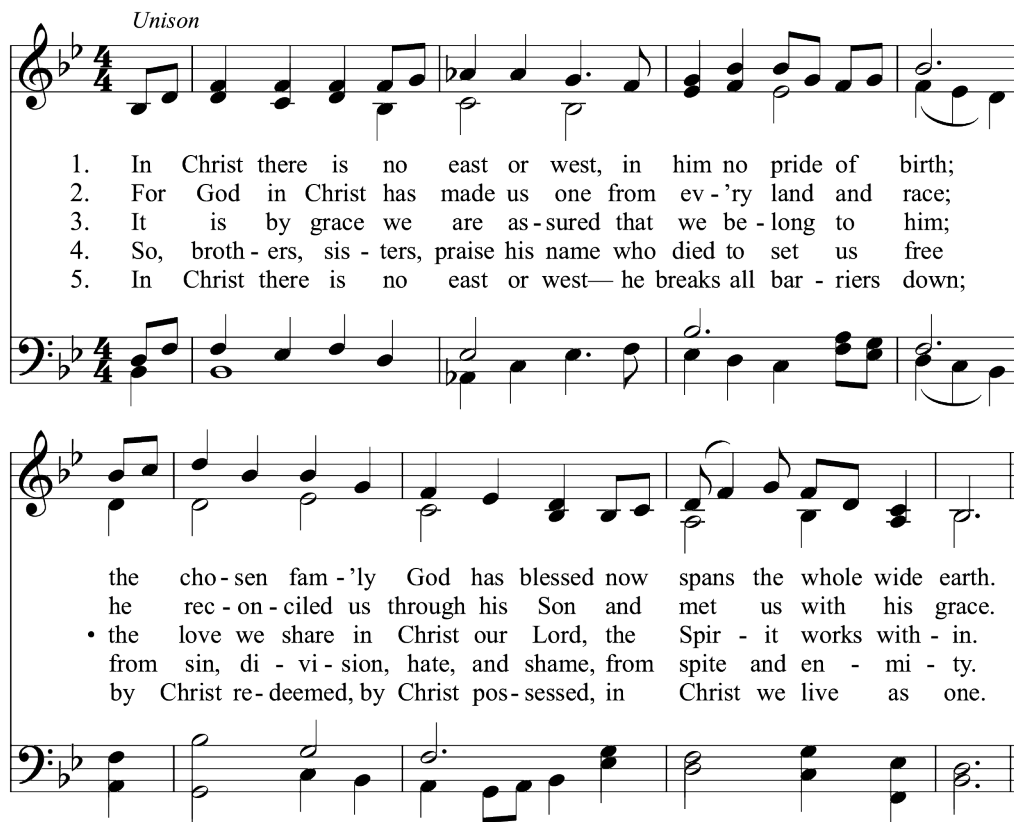
Albert Midlane, 1858

FESTAL SONG S.M.
William Howard Walter, 1894

In Christ There Is No East or West

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Unison



1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no pride of birth;
 2. For God in Christ has made us one from ev - 'ry land and race;
 3. It is by grace we are as - sured that we be - long to him;
 4. So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise his name who died to set us free
 5. In Christ there is no east or west— he breaks all bar - riers down;
 the cho - sen fam - 'ly God has blessed now spans the whole wide earth.
 he rec - on - ciled us through his Son and met us with his grace.
 • the love we share in Christ our Lord, the Spir - it works with - in.
 from sin, di - vi - sion, hate, and shame, from spite and en - mi - ty.
 by Christ re - deemed, by Christ pos - sessed, in Christ we live as one.

Michael A. Perry, 1982

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Spiritual
Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939