

Sunday, March 29, 2020 - 8:30 am

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.  
Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity.

**People: You, oh God, love righteousness and hate wickedness.**

Leader: Therefore God, our God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness  
beyond Your companions.

**People: Hear, O daughters and Sons, consider and incline your ears  
to the Lord.**

\*Hymn 363

*"And Can It Be that I Should Gain"*

Opening Prayer:

**Ever-surprising One,  
breathe into these dry bones us new life,  
that hopelessness can be turned into joy  
and dead ends into opportunities to declare Your faithfulness.**

Hymn 454

*"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

Scripture - Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader: The word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Special Song

Sermon

*"Dead End"*

Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology

\*Closing Hymn 474

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*\*congregation, please stand*

Ezekiel 37:1-14

**37** 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 around 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,<sup>[d]</sup> 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."