

## ~Gathering the Family of God~

## The Peal of the Church Bell

**Prelude** *Meditation on "Mercy"* L. Smith

**Welcome**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Call to Worship**

One: O mortal, can these bones live?

**All: Only the Lord God knows.**

One: O people, hope in the Lord.

**All: With the Lord there is steadfast love  
and great power to redeem.**

**\*Hymn** *In the Bulb There is a Flower* #250

**\*Call to Confession**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.  
Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

**\*Confession of Sin (unison)**

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand?

We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life.

We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor.

And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.

**\*Silent Confession****\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**\*Gloria Patri** # 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.**

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## ~Hearing God's Word~

**Prayer for Illumination**

O Lord, we wait for you, and in your Word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**Old Testament** Ezekiel 37:1-14 page 806

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Psalm 130 page 573

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**Epistle** Romans 8:6-11 page 157

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**Anthem** *This Is My Father's World* arr. Richard Nichols  
Nona Chapman on flute

**Gospel** John 11:1-45 page 104

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**Message** "Living God's Story" Rev. Miriam Foltz

**\*Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. [The Apostles Creed].

**\*Hymn** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* #833

## ~Responding to God's Word~

**Invitation to Give**

Without the breath of God, we are dry bones, and without the Word of God, we are dust. With gratitude, let us offer our lives to the Lord of all life.

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad**

*Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad. You may also share any joys or concerns on the cards in the pews. Place them in the offering plate for inclusion in the pastoral prayer.*

Offertory

*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

J.G. Walther

\*Doxology

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Amen.*

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\* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up and joining us together as one people, your people, flesh and bone in the body of Christ. As you have delivered us from death, use our lives to proclaim the good news of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The 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.*

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

\* Closing Hymn

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

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\*Benediction

Arise, dry bones, and live!

Come out, Lazarus, and give glory to God!

May the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, bless and keep you in this life and the life to come.

\*Postlude

*My Refuge and Strength*

L. Smith

\*Please stand, if you are able.

Electronic aid for the hearing impaired is available from the usher.

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*"I am the resurrection and the life."*

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