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Lenten Sermon Series



seeking:
honest questions
for deeper faith

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10:00 AM

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Can these bones live?

March 26, 2023



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

*Welcome! If you would like more information about our community, please fill out a blue visitor card.
Throughout the order of worship, if the print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE *(Please remain in your seat while passing the peace of Christ.)*

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

SEEKING GOD

PIANO PRELUDE

“Spirit, Breathe on Me”

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: We gather to worship a God who loves us

All: loves us enough to weep when we are gone.

One: We gather to worship a God who does not give up on us—

All: who breathes new life into tired bones.

One: We gather to worship a God who returns to us—

All: who seeks us when we are lost.

One: We gather to worship a God who holds hope for us

All: so we hold onto hope as well.

One: We gather to worship.

All: Let us begin.

¹ Adapted from A Sanctified Arts Lenten series *Seeking*

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Loving God, we lower our heads before You and confess that we have too often forgotten that we are Yours.

All: Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God, and fall short of what You hope for us.

One: We ask Your forgiveness and we also ask for Your strength.

All: Give us clear minds and open hearts. Remind us to be who You would have us be.

One: Help us to not lose sight of You, or Your hopes for our world and for our lives.

All: In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON²

One: Friends, you could spend your whole life ignoring God, pushing God away, or trying to solve the world's problems all on your own, and God would still love you all the same. Even in our shortcomings, we are God's beloved. So hear and believe this good news:

All: We are saved by grace through faith. We belong to God. We are not alone.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children are invited to join Rev. Amelia for Kids' Church downstairs. Parents may pick up their children in the parlor at 11 AM today. Children and their parent/caregiver(s) are invited to join in to write Easter cards in the parlor.

*HYMN	"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"	See screen
SCRIPTURE	John 11:1-45	Cathy Bowden
SERMON ³		Hannah Daly
*HYMN	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	No. 86

² From A Sanctified Arts Lenten series *Seeking*

³ Credit for monologue: Shirley Hobson Duncanson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” Carl Mueller
Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY** No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*BLESSING

***BLESSING RESPONSE** “The Blessing Song” See Screen
Dennis Jernigan

ORGAN POSTLUDE “And Can It Be?” arr. Don Wyrzten

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* *Please stand in body or spirit*



Next Sunday’s Lectionary

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding:	Rev. Amelia Edson
Preaching:	Hannah Daly
Minister of Music:	Jan Stover
Ushers:	Nancy Wulbrecht, Linda McGill
Liturgist:	Cathy Bowden
Online Worship:	Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

*Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall
following the service.*