

P: Awaken our dreams,
expand our visions,
heal us for hope,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

~ written by William Loader.

OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY SONG **ELW # 712**

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (verse 1)

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION

(We welcome all who have put their faith, trust & hope in Jesus Christ to commune here with us.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

ALL: Amen.

Please stand as you are comfortable and receive the blessing.

+ BLESSING AND AMEN

P: May the God of peace,
who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep,
make us ready to do his will in every good thing,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C: Alleluia! Amen. (spoken)

+ BELL TOLL

+ SENDING HYMN **ELW # 800**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

+ DISMISSAL

P: Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

C: We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

P: Let us bless our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



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PRELUDE / BELL TOLL / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP FOR PENTECOST

P: The Spirit descends like a dove,
bringing peace to unite the world
in a just and caring community.

**ALL: The Spirit comes like a breath,
bringing life to renew the people of God.**

The Spirit spreads like fire,
bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

**ALL: Spirit of the living God,
come to us and transform our lives by your power.**

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from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
<https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/>*

GATHERING HYMN

ELW # 400

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the
grave and crowned him Lord of all.

**ALL: We confess that we have not bowed before
him or acknowledged his rule in our lives.**

**We have gone along with the way of the world
and failed to give him glory.**

**Forgive us and raise us from sin,
that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the church, his
body. Amen.**

P: Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died.
For since death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead has also come through a
human being;
for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in
Christ. **ALL: Amen.**

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Mighty God,

**ALL: you breathe life into our bones, and your
Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit,
transform us by your truth, and give us language
to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYER

**ALL: Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

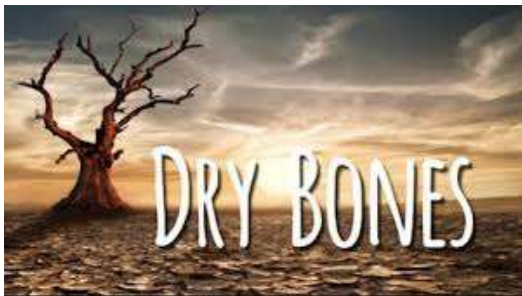
The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley,

and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I 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."

⁷So 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. ⁸I 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. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, 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." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then 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.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I 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.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



SECOND READING **Romans 8:22-27**

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



+ **GOSPEL READING** **John 15:26—16:15**

P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:1}"I have said these things to you to keep you from stumbling. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God. ³And they will do this because they have not known the Father or me. ⁴But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON **Bones and Groans**

SARON HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW # 582**
Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

BAXTER BAPTISMAL HYMN **ELW # 456**
Baptized in Water

BAXTER - SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
(insert)



COLIN JOHN DYSHAW

PRESENTATION OF: **Colin John Dyshaw**
Children of the Heavenly Father **ELW # 781**

Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

+ **SARON APOSTLES' CREED**
(in front cover of red hymnal)

+ **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: O God,
You are Spirit;
You are wind;
You are breath.

You meet us in the wonders of creation,
in the awe of wonderful things,
in the terror of fearful things.
You blow among the fallen leaves,
the broken branches,
the whining pain
and the whirlwinds of delight.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Your wind gently touches our brow
with comfort and caress;
your forgiveness raises us to life;
your challenge disturbs our tidy piles
and spreads opportunities before our eyes.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Gentle Spirit, breathe on us your life.
Strong Spirit, open our closed doors to your
compassion;
Universal Spirit, inspire us to sing and sigh for justice;
Spirit of Jesus, teach us to walk,
to work, to pray, to live, to love,
your way.

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.