

PRELUDE

*Adagio from Chorale No. 3*

César Franck

INVITATION

One: Come, Gentle Spirit . . .

**Many: We ask You to lift us up and set us on our feet.**

One: Fill us with renewed strength and sense of purpose . . .

**Many: We ask You to fill our hearts with compassion . . .**

One: That we may do Your will among others.

**Many: We ask that You guide us along the path You have chosen for us.**

OPENING HYMN

*We Love Your Realm, O God*

#312

**We love your realm, O God, all places where You reign.  
We recognize with hope and joy, the world as Your domain.**

**We love Your church, O God, for Christ has given life  
To form communities of love that seek to heal our strife.**

**We recognize, with pain, that we have not achieve  
The faithfulness of our resolve when we at first believed.**

**Yet Christ, our friend and guide, continues to forgive,  
Delivering us from our mistakes, inviting us to live.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Beloved One, we have been mired in navigating a very difficult time. Your children have been at risk because of a pandemic, threatening weather, stifling heat, and contentious politics. We feel stuck in survival mode, fighting daily to stay safe. We need renewal, as individuals and as a church. Please revive us, raise our dry bones and breathe the breath of life into us. Be with us in worship this day as we gather in faithful response to Your love. Lift us from the mire and set us on the high road as we seek to follow Your will. Grant us the discernment, wisdom, and strength to follow Your lead. Amen.**

ENGAGING SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup>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, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, 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.” <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.”

SERMON

*Revive Us, O God*

HYMN

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

#292

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
That I may love the way You love, and do what You would do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until with You I will one will, to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one desire  
That every earthly part of me may glow with holy fire.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
But live with You the perfect life of Your eternity.**

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

*Sent Forth By God’s Blessing*

#76

**Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
To work for God’s realm and to answer the call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With Your grace You feed us, with Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune*

David German

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

USHERS: Nancy Arnzen, Carol Hagglund

SONG LEADER: Susan Raines, soloist