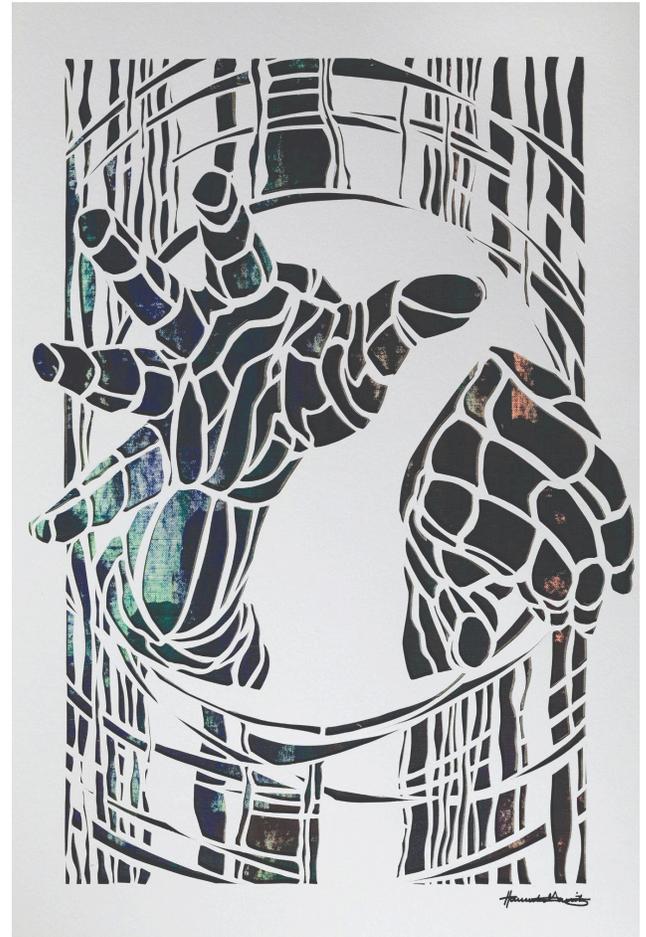




Rubble
Carmelle Beaugelin
Inspired by Ezekiel 37:1-14



Unbind Him
Hannah Garrity
Inspired by John 11:1-45



seeking:
*Can these
bones live?*



'The Raising of Lazarus'
Duccio di Buoninsegna, 1310–1311

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
Arlington, Virginia**

**Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, March 22, 2026**

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Worshipping in the Sanctuary
11:15 AM



Service for the Lord's Day

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Welcome.

We are glad that you are here.

As an inclusive community of faith, we welcome you just as you are.

We celebrate that God's love and grace extends to all, and affirm that each person has sacred worth.

So take a moment.

Breathe.

This service is livestreamed and recorded. People in the first eight pews might be visible on camera.

Welcome

Prelude

Were You There
Matt Wheeler, organ

John Carter

Announcements

Please take this time to sign and pass the red Friendship Pad.

Call to Worship

Please stand as you are able.

Liturgist: Please stand in body or in spirit and join me in the call to worship.

Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

All: Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?

Liturgist: Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

All: Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?

Liturgist: If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God's house.

All: Hope lives here.

Liturgist: So, come. Rest your weary bones.

All: Let us worship God, who is holy.

Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Congregation

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Call to Confession

Please be seated.

Liturgist: Friends, there is nothing that we have to keep hidden from God—
not our anger, our grief,
or the ways in which we have fallen short.
In confession, we speak honestly and are met with grace.
So let us not hold back.
Let us bring our full selves to this prayer,
knowing that God is already running to meet us.

Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Jesus of Nazareth,

All: I confess: I forget that you know this feeling.
I forget that you, too, have wept.
I forget that you, too, have lost.
I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb,
have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity.
Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you.
Forgive me for all the times I create distance,
imagining that you could never feel what I feel.
Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of space between us.
Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart.
Bring these bones back to life.
Bring me closer to you.
With gratitude I pray, amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance & Faith

Liturgist: 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.

Response to Grace

Please stand as you are able.

Glory Be to the Father

Congregation

#581

Sacrament of Baptism for Evelyn Jean Papke, daughter of Chad Papke and Carolyn Offutt Papke

Profession of Faith (Apostles Creed)

All: 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 the God the Father Almighty;
from thence he will 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.

Passing of the Peace & Greeting

Liturgist: As our children are coming forward for the children's message,
let us greet one another with the love of Christ.

Children's Message

*Children are invited to attend Godly Play after the message or to remain in the sanctuary during worship.
Please be seated.*

Blessing of the Children

All: You are God's beloved child; with you God is well pleased.

Old Testament Reading

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. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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."

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. 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

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them. 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." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

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

Gospel Reading

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

completely.' 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. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 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."

John 11:1-45

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Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him.

The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Seeking: Can These Bones Live?

Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt, Pastor

Anthem

Prayer for Peace

Michael Helman

Trinity Ringers

Joys and Concerns

Please be seated.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

Invitation to Stewardship

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Offertory & Reflection

I Remember, I Believe

Bernice Johnson Reagon

Michelle Edwards, Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt, Drusilla Hufford, Yvonne McIntire

Prayerful Setting of Intentions

Please take this moment of silence to set an intention for the week ahead. Your intention might be a response to today's worship, or it may be something that has been on your heart – a desire for change, an inner nudging, a move toward deeper discipleship. Write your intention down or note it on your phone and take it with you as you go.

Affirmation of Faith

All: We believe that God loves us—
God loves us enough to weep when we are gone.
We believe that God does not give up on us—
breathing new life into tired bones.
We believe that God returns to us—
always seeking us when we are lost.
We believe that God holds hope for us—
so we hold onto hope as well.
We believe, help our unbelief.
In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of Promise
Congregation

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Benediction

Postlude

What Wondrous Love is This
Matt Wheeler, organ

John Carter

*You are invited to stay and listen to the postlude or move to the gathering space for fellowship.
As you depart, please be mindful of those who remain in the sanctuary to listen.*

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Hymn of Promise

1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Breathe on me, Breath of God

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

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

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Intentional Through the Week at Home and in Small Groups

*How do we understand resurrection in the real world?
How do we experience God's new life in the here and now?*

My intention for this week is:

Morning Prayer for the Week

O God, I know that you are Lord,
for you gave me my life,
and caused me to rise and greet this day.
Put your Spirit within me,
and let my words and actions help others to know
that you are present in the here and now. Amen.

Evening Prayer for the Week

My soul waits for you, O Lord,
more than those who watch for the morning.
Help me to sleep this night in peace,
trusting that you will awaken me;
Through Jesus Christ I pray. Amen.

Readings for the Week

John 11:1-45 - *Read daily, and look for opportunities to discuss or contemplate these words*

Questions for Reflection

1. Why did Jesus weep in John 11:35? Was it out of compassion for Mary and Martha? Out of love for his friend Lazarus?
2. What has you asking right now, "Can these bones live?"
3. Think about someone in your life who is grieving. Find a way to extend to that person the grace and peace of Christ.

Intentional in Community

Consider using these reflection questions with a small group or prayer partner.

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for the following friends and families of Trinity

Joys:

+ Celebrating the birth of **Quinn Gloria McGrail**, daughter of **John McGrail and Sara Silbert**, born on March 5th. Quinn is the granddaughter of **John and Jennifer McGrail**.

+ **Lucy Driskill** and her friend **Sarah Watchman** are on a six-month hike of the Appalachian Trail. We will keep the congregation posted on their journey.

Concerns:

+ Prayers for **Ike Eickstaedt**, **Pastor Judith's** father-in-law, in the hospital after a hematoma. He will be moved to a skilled nursing facility until the wound can heal.

+ Prayers for **Sandy Montgomery**, recovering at home after surgery for a broken ankle.

+ Prayers for **Steven Lee**, the husband of **Kevin and Yvonne McIntire's** niece **Elizabeth**, who is having surgery.

+ Prayers for Sean Long and for all our military personnel currently on deployment in the Middle East and beyond.

+ Prayers for the family and friends of **Ralph Papke**, grandfather of **Carolyn and Chad Papke**, who passed away on February 27 in Illinois.

+ Prayers for **Beth Geiseman**, recovering after surgery for breast cancer and anticipating a second surgery.

+ Prayers for **Paul Sullivan**, who has stopped cancer treatments and is in palliative care at home.

+ Prayers for **Laura Mendelson**, mother of **Ellen Cathopoulos**, recovering from breast cancer surgery.

+ Prayers for **Ansley Calhoun** following surgery for a broken leg.

+ Prayers for the family and friends of **Alec Gibson**, who passed away on February 26.

+ Prayers for relatives of **Randy Benn - Martie** (cancer), **Doug** (cancer), and **Jennifer** (bone infection).

+ Prayers for **Rita Hadley**, wife of **Ken Hadley**, recovering from a concussion.

+ Prayers for **Jean Chubb**, mother of **Nathan Chubb**, battling pancreatic cancer and undergoing chemo.

+ Prayers for **Cathy**, a friend of **Pastor Judith**, in treatment for pancreatic cancer.

+ Prayers for **Theresa Dike**, a colleague of Clay Guthridge, who is recovering from a cerebral event. Theresa is walking and regaining some speech.

+ Prayers for those who are managing the needs of both children and aging parents.

+ Prayers for **Marilyn Brookens**, who is in Iowa in a memory care facility. Please send all correspondence to: Marilyn Brookens, c/o Alan Ostergren, 2506 7th Ave. Ct. SW, Altoona, IA 50009.

+ Prayers for love, stamina, and moments of joy for all who are caregivers and for those they care for.

+ Prayers for those in difficult family relationships: for mutual love, compassion, and understanding.

+ **Bill Plitt**, in treatment for multiple myeloma.

- + **Rowan Smith**, three-year-old great-nephew of **Laurie Setzer**, with cancer. Please pray for strength as cancer spots were recently found on his brain, and the doctors have given him 3-6 months to live.
- + **Jason Ferguson**, brother of **Janae Ferguson**, has a recurrence of cancer. Pray for another remission.
- + **Barry Schneider**, **Troy Schneider's** uncle, has ALS.
- + **Jackie Alling**, living at Vitality Assisted Living.
- + **Lani**, **Nene Pisigan's** cousin, and the mom of two young children, has a recurrence of cancer.
- + **Nene Pisigan's** parents in the Philippines are with long-term illness and financial hardship.
- + **Ron Shimabukuro**, friend of **Yvonne McIntire**, is recovering at home.
- + **Brooks Bare**, for strength, comfort, healing, and patience during his incarceration.
- + Prayers for those whose family members have died in ICE custody or during immigration enforcement actions.
- + Prayers for our country, that people who disagree can choose respectful and non-violent means of protest.
- + Immigrants and refugees all over the world are displaced by war, violence, poverty, and natural disasters.
- + Prayers for the innocent victims of war. We mourn with those whose children were killed in Iran.
- + We pray for a lasting peace in Israel and Palestine and for the day when the people living in Israel and Palestine can live together without hostility, oppression, or fear.
- + **Fakhira Haloun**, a Palestinian Israeli and friend of **Priscilla Hoffman-Stowe**, and for all living through the trauma of the ongoing violence in Gaza and the wider region.
- + **Daoud and Jihan Nassar**, for safety and to retain ownership of their land in the West Bank.
- + For peace in Ukraine and an end to the Russian invasion of Ukrainian regions.
- + Genocide in Sudan and the conflict in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.
- + Prayers for wisdom for our leaders as they handle the situations in Venezuela and Cuba, and for the people who live there.

Trinity Presbyterian Church helps sponsor the missionary work of those who serve in the international field. We are currently supporting **Mark Adams** and **Miriam Maldonado** (husband and wife) on the US/Mexico border, and we continue to seek new ecumenical global partners to support as the PCUSA has shifted its model for international engagement.

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