



**Morning Worship  
10:00 AM  
July 5, 2020  
Worshipping with the General Assembly**

***GATHERING AROUND THE WORD***

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Seth Finch, Moderator POSF

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**PRELUDE**

**“Our slogan is, ‘Learning from the past, living in the present.’**

--Co Moderators of the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PC(USA),  
The Rev. Gregory Bentley  
And Ruling Elder Elona Street-Stewart

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

The Rev. Christine Vogel, HR

One: There are times when we feel thin as a vapor.

**Many: And the Lord asks, "Can these bones live?"**

One: There are times when we have no words to share.

**Many: And the Lord asks, "Can these bones live?"**

One: There are times when breath comes by a force of will.

**Many: And the Lord asks, "Can these bones live?"**

One: There are times when hope is truly a four-letter word.

**Many: And the Lord asks, "Can these bones live?"**

One: There are times when we ask, "Can these bones live?"

**Many: And the Lord says, "Yes!"**

One: So, we gather to worship the God who offers us life.

**Many: And we say, "Yes!"**

HYMN #410

*God is Calling Through the Whisper*

# 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper

1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,  
2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,  
3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,

through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.  
through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.  
through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.

Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:  
Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing;  
Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:

God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?  
God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?  
God is call-ing—and we hear! God is call-ing—and we hear!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the voice, and a grand staff (treble and bass) for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION\*\*

Brianna Benzinger, Kaseman Hospital

One: If God was intent on keeping score, we would end up losing every time. But God loves us so much, that we are invited to join in that game of grace which never comes to an end. With such hope for our lives, let us confess our sins to God.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION\***

One: Ruach Elohim, Breath of God, there are times we seek You. There are times we seek to hide.

**Many: Breathe on us, Breath of God (silent prayer...)**

One: Ruach Elohim, Breath of God, there are times we are full of Your Spirit. There are times we feel completely empty.

**Many: Breathe on us, Breath of God (silent prayer...)**

One: Ruach Elohim, Breath of God, there are times we flow with life. There are times when we are dry and seemingly dead.

**Many: Breathe on us, Breathe of God (silent prayer...)**

One: Ruach Elohim, Breath of God, fill us,  
Fill us to over-flowing,  
Fill us with new life.

**Many: Breath on us, Breathe of God. (silence...)**

One: Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*\***

One: With a gentle breeze God enflames our spirits; with a strong wind, God reminds us of our need to forgive and be forgiven. Like a cleansing storm, God takes away our past, revealing fresh new life, for these old bones.

**Many: Awakened, refreshed, renewed, made whole: now we can dance with the wind, singing our praises to the One who gives life to all. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**RESPONSE #286      *Breathe on Me, Breath of God***

## ***PROCLAIMING THE WORD***

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Derek Capitan, Laguna

One: Surrounded as we are by the sounds of respirators, and the cries of the grieving, and the raised voices of protest, help us to hear, O God, your voice and give us the courage to heed your Message. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE**

Ezekiel 37:1-10

The LORD's power overcame me, and while I was in the LORD's spirit, I was led out and set down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. The LORD led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them

on the valley floor, and they were very dry. The LORD asked me, “Human one, can these bones live again?” I said, “LORD God, only you know.” The LORD said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the LORD’s word! The LORD God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the LORD.” I prophesied just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was prophesying, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone. When I looked, suddenly there were sinews on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them. The LORD said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, human one! Say to the breath, The LORD God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live.” I prophesied just as I was commanded. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company.

## **ESCRITURA**

Ruth Martinez, Shepherd of the Valley

Ezequiel 3:14-21 (DHH)

El Señor puso su mano sobre mí, y me hizo salir lleno de su poder, y me colocó en un valle que estaba lleno de huesos. El Señor me hizo recorrerlo en todas direcciones; los huesos cubrían el valle, eran muchísimos y estaban completamente secos. Entonces me dijo: «¿Crees tú que estos huesos pueden volver a tener vida?» Yo le respondí: «Señor, solo tú lo sabes.» Entonces el Señor me dijo: «Habla en mi nombre a estos huesos. Diles: «Huesos secos, escuchen este mensaje del Señor. El Señor les dice: Voy a hacer entrar en ustedes aliento de vida, para que revivan. Les pondré tendones, los rellenaré de carne, los cubriré de piel y les daré aliento de vida para que revivan. Entonces reconocerán ustedes que yo soy el Señor.» » Yo les hablé como él me lo había ordenado. Y mientras les hablaba, oí un ruido: era un terremoto, y los huesos comenzaron a juntarse unos con otros. Y vi que sobre ellos aparecían tendones y carne, y que se cubrían de piel. Pero no tenían aliento de vida. Entonces el Señor me dijo: «Habla en mi nombre al aliento de vida, y dile: «Así dice el Señor: Aliento de vida, ven de los cuatro puntos cardinales y da vida a estos cuerpos muertos.» » Yo hablé en nombre del Señor, como él me lo ordenó, y el aliento de vida vino y entró en ellos, y ellos revivieron y se pusieron de pie. Eran tantos que formaban un ejército inmenso.

**One:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to you and to the church.

**Many:** Thanks be to God.

## **MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN**

Seth Finch

## **SERMON**

### ***Can These Bones Live?***

*Reflections from the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the PC (USA)  
Commissioners Nelson Capitan and Tom Hart*

## ***RESPONDING TO THE WORD***

## **CALL TO RESPOND**

## **RESPONDING IN PRAYER**

The Rev. Sarah Chivington Buck, Shepherd of the Valley

## **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 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.**

## **HYMN #340\*\*\***

***This Is My Song***

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## This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

## BENEDICTION

Nelson Capitan

## POSTLUDE & PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL SOMEONE FROM YOUR CHURCH AND CHECK ON THEM AND PRAY  
 TOGETHER*

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### Musicians

Piano, Maki Kimura  
 Vocals, Jeff Jolly

Technical Crew, Ed Cole, Jack Dietz, Thomas Loyd, Anna Sohn, Clara Storms (not all present)

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