



SON OF MAN,  
CAN THESE BONES LIVE?  
EZEKIEL 37: 1-14

**March 22, 2026**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Frank Yates

**Liturgist:** Cyndi Pitts

**Psalmist:** Cyndi Pitts

**Greeters:** Marie Fry and Ginger Wall

**Ushers:** Pat Gerlach, Victoria Flick, Steve Sproul, Joy Sternberg

**Early Morning Security:** Steve Sproul

**March Sanctuary Stewards:** Birgitta Gustafson and Sharon Hovey

**Director of Music:** Nancy Leffler

**Accompanist:** Nathan Secrest

# Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

**Gathering Music**      *At the Rising of the Sun*      - by David Paxton

**Welcome & Announcements**, including prayer concerns

**Minute for Mission** – One Great Hour of Sharing      Helen Huntley

## Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

**Introit**      *Call to Lent*      Chancel Choir

**Prelude**      *Wondrous Love*      - by Larry Shackley

**Call to Worship (from Psalm 116)**      Cyndi Pitts

Leader: Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is merciful.

**People: When I was brought low, the Lord saved me.**

Leader: For you have delivered my soul from death.

**People: So I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

**All: We will offer to the Lord thanksgiving and praise.**

**\*Hymn #2**      *Come, Thou Almighty King*

**Call to Confession**      Cyndi Pitts

**Prayer of Confession (unison):**

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Hear now our silent prayers.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Choral Response**      *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*  
(Please join the choir as we sing this together.)

**Assurance of Pardon**      Cyndi Pitts

**Hymn #581**      *Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri*

**Prayer for Illumination**      Cyndi Pitts

**Reading from the Gospel: John 11: 20-27**      Cyndi Pitts

(This can be found on p. 979, in your pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Reading from the Psalter**      **Psalm 130**      Cyndi Pitts

(This can be found on p. 562 of your pew Bible.)

**Word Proclaimed Through Music**    *The Garden*    Chancel Choir

**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures: Ezekiel 37: 1-14**

(This can be found on p. 791 of your pew Bible.)    Rev. Frank Yates

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**ALL:        Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**                      *The Phoenix Factor*                      Rev. Frank Yates

**Special Music**        *Dry Bones*                                      Chancel Choir

**Choral Call to Prayer**        *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*  
(Please join the choir as we sing this together)

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Call for the Offering**    Cyndi Pitts

**Offertory**                      *The Lord's Prayer*                      - Solo by Chris Dyer

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication**    Cyndi Pitts

**\*Sending Song #729:**        *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

## **Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**      *Son of God, Son of Man*

**Postlude**      *Redemption Song from "Faust"* - by Charles Gounod

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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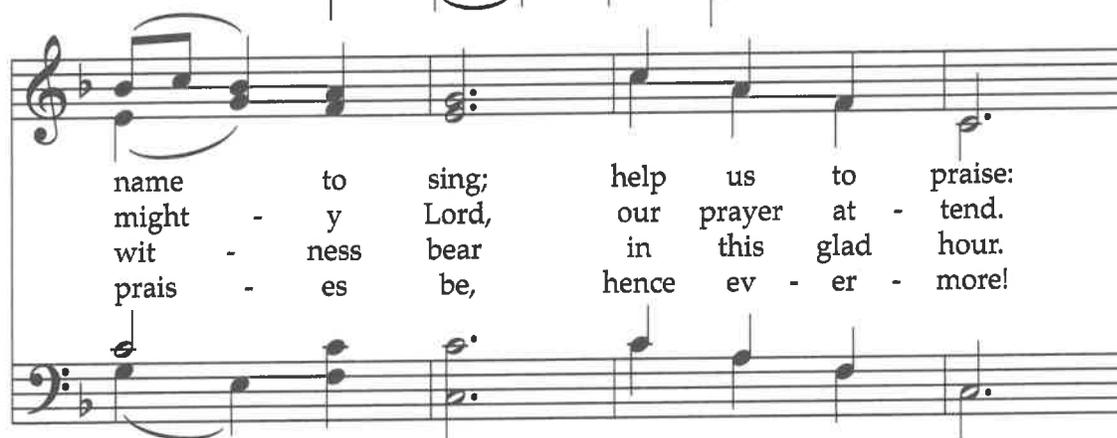
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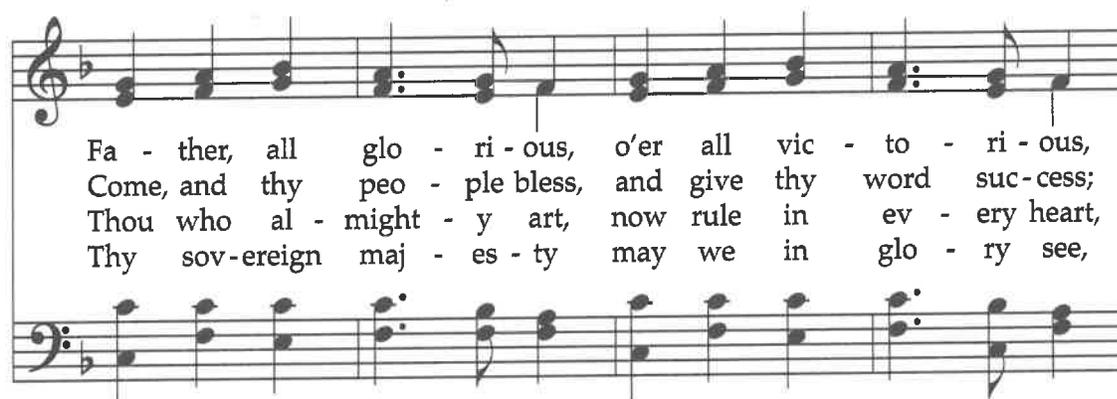
## 2 Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal



name to sing; help us to praise:  
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.  
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.  
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!



Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;  
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,  
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,



come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.  
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

# 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;  
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,  
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.