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Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

St. John United Church of Christ Bellevue KY

Greeting & Imparting Peace

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor & teacher

One: May the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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Community Prayer

Keith M. Haithcock

Pentecost Lord's Prayer

Jeffery Johnson, ASL interpreter

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Cherie Draper

The hand of YHWH was upon me, and it carried me away by the Spirit of YHWH and set me down in a valley—a valley full of bones. God made me walk up and down among them. And I saw that there was a vast number of bones lying there in the valley, and they were very dry. God asked me, “Mere mortal, can these bones live?”

I answered, “Only you know that, Sovereign YHWH.”

And God said, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: 'Dry bones, hear the word of YHWH! Sovereign YHWH says to these bones: I am going to breathe life into you. I will fasten sinews on you, clothe you with flesh, cover you with skin, and give you breath. And you will live; and you will know that I am Sovereign YHWH.'”

So I prophesied as I was commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and all the bones came together, bone to matching bone. As I watched, sinews appeared on in them, flesh clothed them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

Then God said to me, “Prophecy to the wind; prophesy, mere mortal, and say to it: 'Thus says Sovereign YHWH: Approach from the four winds, Breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.'”

I prophesied as I was commanded, and breath came into them; they came alive, and stood up on their feet—a vast multitude.

Then God said to me, “Mere mortal, these bones are the whole House of Israel. The people keep saying, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is gone, and we are doomed.' Prophesy, therefore, and say to them, 'Thus says Sovereign YHWH: I am going to open your graves and raise you up from the dead, my people. I will return you to the land of Israel. When I open your graves and raise you up, you, my people, will know that I am YHWH. Then I will put my Spirit into you and you will return to life, and I will settle you back on your own land. Then you will know that I, YHWH, have spoken and made all this happen, says Sovereign YHWH.’”

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Thanks be to God!

Ministry of Music

Charmaine Moore Kitsinis, vocalist; Steve Milloy, piano

“I Then Shall Live” -*Jean Sibelius, arr. Lloyd Larson*

Sermon

“CAN THESE BONES LIVE?”

Keith M. Haithcock

Send Out

Going Forth Music

Steve Phillips, piano

“Awesome God” -*Rich Mullins, arr. Bill Wolaver*

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