

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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## WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

♪ Organ Prelude · Bobbi Hunter

*Prelude on the Tune St. Columba ... Raymond Haan*

Call to Worship (responsively) · Lou Pennebaker

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

**People: Have you ever felt grief lie heavy on your back?**

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

**People: Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?**

Leader: If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God's house. Hope lives here.

**People: So, let us come. Let us rest our weary bones.**

Leader: Let us worship Holy God.

\* ♪ Hymn of Praise · Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 263

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

*Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC*

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

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## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* **♪ Gloria Patri**

No. 579

\* **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading · Kathy Pearson

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (pg. 1345)

### ♪ Scripture Sung · Chancel Choir

*The Gift of Love (Paraphrase of I Corinthians 13)* ... Hal H. Hopson

Richard Dinwiddie, director; Sharon Dinwiddie, accompanist

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### Scripture Reading

John 11:1-45 (pg. 1668)

### Ministry of the Word · The Rev. Renée Marie Rico

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

5<sup>th</sup> in the Series *Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith*

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

- \* **♪ Hymn of Response** · Can these bones live?  
See page 6 of bulletin.

**Acknowledgement and Blessings of Offerings**

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

- \* **♪ Closing Hymn** · How Great Thou Art  
No. 467

- \* **Benediction**

- \* **♪ Congregational Response** · Go Now in Peace  
(inside cover of hymnal)

**♪ Organ Postlude** · Bobbi Hunter  
*How Great Thou Art* ... Wilbur Held

*The congregation is free to move during the postlude.*