



First United Methodist Church

Worship Guide for Sunday, June 28, 2020

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Spirit of God has led us to this place.

People: The Lord has set us down, though our bones are tired.

Leader: Can these dry bones live?

People: Yes! The Breath of God will revive us! The Word of God will awaken us!

Leader: Today, we seek to experience new life.

People: Let us give thanks to the Wild, Life-Giving Spirit of God!

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Breathe On Me Breath of God”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Revitalizing God, your power goes far beyond our own,

People: Yet we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us.

Leader: We give in to the despair and hopelessness of death, not trusting in your ability to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives.

People: Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life in the midst of all the losses we experience.

Leader: Forgive us for wanting to limit you to “the last day” or “the afterlife,” not trusting you to move and act among us, within us, and through us right now.

People: Forgive us, and open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst.

(silent reflection)

Leader: God is rich in mercy and has brought us to life with Christ because of God’s great love for us.

People: By the grace of God through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given new life in the Spirit. Thanks be to God. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:10-11

MORNING PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Gary Ihfe

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 OF REFLECTION

“Come Now Spirit of God”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

SERMON

“The Breath of God”

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Beautiful Things”

BENEDICTION