

First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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5th Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

10:00 AM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

+ GATHERING SONG

Blessed Be Your Name

Beth Redman, Matt Redman (CCLI#: 3798438)

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Our lives feel all disjointed as though they were a valley of dry bones.

But the Spirit of God will bring connection and continuity to our lives.

The Spirit of God breathes hope into each one of us.

The Spirit of God challenges us to be people of faith.

Open our hearts, Lord, and bring us to Your light.

Open our lives, Lord, and break us free from doubt and fear.

Let us worship God!

+ OPENING HYMN

Come All You People (Uyai mose)

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Come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come all you people,
come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.

Uyai mose,
tinamate Mwari;
uyai mose,
tinamate Mwari;
uyai mose,
tinamate Mwari;
uyai mose zvino.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, Creator of Life, You call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, You surprise us with the breath of Your spirit. Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with Your spirit of life, compassion, and peace. In the name of Jesus, Your anointed one, we pray.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

If it is true that God has recorded our failings, we hope it will never be published. But in truth, if the book was opened, every page would be blank, for God forgives us of everything we have done, or failed to do. So, let us wait for God's mercy and grace, as we come with our prayers for forgiveness, praying together. . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit and Breath of Life, before You, we recognize that our spirits are not fully alive. We have succumbed to the sin of despair; we have been lifeless, not lively, in our faith. Like dry bones, we are brittle and break under pressure. Breathe Your Spirit of power into us, that our faith may be active, in word and deed, and that Your name may be glorified in Jesus, our Christ. Hear us now, as we continue to confess in the silence of our hearts. . .

(Silence is kept)

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

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Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God we serve is the God of life,
the God of hope, the God of new beginnings—
even for dried-up bones and shattered dreams.
That rattling of bones in Ezekiel’s vision
may be heard as the shackles that once held us down
in fear, sin, prejudice, and guilt.
God defies these deadly entanglements
with the power of life.
This we trust, and by this we live.
Friends, hearing this good news,
know that we are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to God!

+ RESPONSE

We Are Forgiven

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We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

+ ***PASSING OF THE PEACE***

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dry Bones

Arr., additional words and music, Mark Hayes

SERMON

The Main Thing

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to speak with someone about becoming a Christian, about church membership, or about a special prayer need, please email Pastor Adam, Adam.Bowling@fupcdc.org.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

+ *HYMN OF RESPONSE* *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* 286

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Music at the Offering

Come Alive (Dry Bones)

Lauren Daigle, Michael Farren (CCLI#: 6373588)

Verse 1

Through the eyes of man it seems
There's so much we have lost
As we look down the road
Where all the prodigals have walked
And one by one the enemy
Has whispered lies and led them off as slaves

Verse 2

But we know that You are God
Yours is the victory
We know there is more to come
That we may not yet see
So with the faith You've given us
We step into the valley unafraid

Chorus

We call out to dry bones come alive come alive
We call out to dead hearts come alive come alive
Up out of the ashes let us see an army rise
We call out to dry bones come alive

Verse 3

God of endless mercy God of unrelenting love
Rescue ev'ry daughter
Bring us back the wayward sons
And by Your spirit breathe upon them
Show the world that You alone can save
You alone can save

Bridge

(So) breathe oh breath of God
Now breathe oh breath of God
Breathe oh breath of God now breathe (yeah oh)
(REPEAT)

Ending

We call out to dry bones come alive

+ *DOXOLOGY*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

+ *PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

Ezekiel 37, John 11

From Your hands, O God, come the blessings that make life possible, even the very gift of life itself. In gratitude and thanks, receive from our hands this portion of our labors. By Your Spirit's leading, may we use these gifts, and those given online, to bless the life of others with the assurance of love, the promise of hope, and the course of justice. This we do to Your glory.

Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

+ *CLOSING SONG*

Let It Rise

Holland Davis (CCLI#: 2240585)

Verse 1

**Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the praises of the King
Rise among us
Let it rise**

Verse 2

**Let the songs of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the songs of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the joy of the King
Rise among us let it rise**

Chorus

**O let it rise
O let it rise**

+ *CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

Refrain:

**Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.**

**1 Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
(Refrain)**

**2 Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven and then right back.
(Refrain)**

+ **POSTLUDE**

When Jesus Wept

William Billings, Arr. William Ringham

+ *Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

Worship Notes

- * **WELCOME!** Whether you are new in the area, a resident of the community, or visiting the FUPCDC website, we are delighted you joined us in worship online via live stream. Please fill out the online attendance and please let us know if you have any prayer concerns or needs. To find out more about this church, please email the Church Office at office@fupcdc.org or call at 703-670-7834.

Connect with Us

- * **WE ARE ON FACEBOOK:** If you use Facebook, become a Facebook friend, and become a fan of First United Presbyterian. Make friends with others from the church.
- * **WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM:** Find us on Instagram @fupcdc.
- * **FUPCDC WEBSITE:** For detailed news and information, visit the church website at <https://fupcdc.org>.
- * **TEXT ALERTS:** Remind is a free text messaging service that will help our church communicate quickly and efficiently. On your cell phone, start a new message to 81010. In the message, type @fupcdc and send. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Ministry in Action

- * **EASTER FLOWERS UPDATE:** Due to the Coronavirus, we will be stopping the sale of Easter flowers this year. All orders already placed will be purchased and used for the Easter service that Pastor Adam is broadcasting. If you elected to pick up your flowers after the Easter service; they will be placed outside of the church door. Please note that due to flower availability, some substitutions may have to be made. If you have any questions, please email Gail Cobb at gailzcobb@gmail.com.

Student Ministry News

- * **TEXT MESSAGES:** Sign up for Text Messages: Text @youthfupc to 81010.

Joys and Concerns

All those who are ill or facing difficulties, including:

- ✝ Charlie Ashton * Paul Wostenholme's Mother * Lynn Wilson * Larry Menzie
- * Duane Startin * Haleigh Startin * Baby Louisa Wolstenholme * Mark Levy
- * Timothy Elliott * Leigh Anderson * Grace Oforu-Addo * Linda Ford
- * Marlo Stapleton

* Congregational love and sympathy is extended to Martin Andrews and family at the death of his sister, Jennifer A. Lewis, on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Prayers for comfort and peace, and for reminders of God's promises for the entire family at this time.

All those serving abroad in our military, including from our church:

- * Please pray for Kelsey Gibson, affiliate member of FUPCDC, who was stationed at Quantico Marine Base. He is currently serving in Afghanistan.

Calendar

March 29 - April 5, 2020

SUNDAY, March 29

10:00 AM Worship - one service
Online Live Stream

MONDAY, March 30

TUESDAY, March 31

WEDNESDAY, April 1

7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study, "Matthew"
via ZOOM

THURSDAY, April 2

FRIDAY, April 3

SATURDAY, April 4

SUNDAY, April 5

10:00 AM Worship - one service
Online Live Stream

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 Pastor..... Rev. Adam C. Bowling
 Chancel Choir Director Dana Van Slyke
 Pianist/Organist Justin Streletz
 Contemporary Worship Directors..... Becca and Chris Anderson
 Children’s/Youth Choir Directors..... Becca and Chris Anderson
 Jubilation Handbell Director..... Ike Evans
 Nursery Supervisor..... Joann Paige
 Little Hands Preschool Director Tiffany Ramsey
 Sexton..... Homer Detrich
 Office Manager..... Kim Parker

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