CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Responding to God's love through Jesus Christ, we:

- Welcome all
- Nurture relationships
- Grow in faith together
- Connect with and serve our community and the world

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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March 29, 2020 *Livestream* 11:00 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

Opening of Worship

"Today Is the Day"

Brewster & Baloche

I'm casting my cares aside; I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.

Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say Today is the day!

I'm putting my fears aside; I'm leaving my doubts behind I'm giving my hopes and dreams to you, Jesus. I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.

> I will stand up on Your truth. All my days I'll live for You

Time for Young People

Song "Breathe" Barnet

This is the air I breathe; this is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread; this is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me
And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You

Call to Confession

Pastor: To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor:

O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Song "Breathe on Us" Jobe and Cash

There is a shaking, let hearts awaken
Our God is moving, forever changing us
There is a trembling, there is revival
The sound of worship so great and glorious
Holy Spirit, hear us now.

Breathe on us, Holy Fire fall
Come and fill this place with Your presence
Like a rushing wind, send Your Spirit here
Breath of Heaven, breathe on us

Come breathe on us. Come breathe on us. Come breathe on us.

Lift up your hands and shout,

The Lord is with us now
Lift up your voice and sing, He is holy

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. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I 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."

⁷ So 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. ⁸ I 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. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophesy 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." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then 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.' ¹² Therefore 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. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I 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."

Sermon "Just Breathe!" Pastor Keith L. DeVries

Song "I Am New" Gray and Hanson

Now I won't deny the worst you could say about me But I'm not defined by mistakes that I've made Because God says of me

I am not who I was, I'm being remade
I am new, I am new
I'm chosen and holy and I'm dearly loved
I am new, I am new

Who I thought I was and who I thought I had to be I had to give them both up because neither Was willing to ever believe

Too long have I lived in the shadow of shame Believing that there was no way I could change But the one who is making everything new Doesn't see me the way that I do He doesn't see me the way that I do

Forgiven, beloved, hidden in Christ Made in the image of the Giver of Life Righteous and holy, reborn and remade, Accepted and worthy, this is our new name

This is who we are now

Offering

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song "Dry Bones" Daigle and Farren

Through the eyes of men it seems there's so much we have lost
As we look down the road where all the prodigals have walked
One by one the enemy has whispered lies and led them off as slaves
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'll step into the valley unafraid

As 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

God of endless mercy, God of unrelenting love Rescue every daughter bring us back the wayward son And by your spirit breathe upon them show the world that you alone can save

So breathe, oh breath of God. Now breathe, oh breath of God Breathe, oh breath of God now breathe