

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. J. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness (Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire* arr. Smith
Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano Plainsong

*Call to Worship Brian Belcher

One: Holy Spirit, come amongst us!

All: Inspire our worship, strengthen our faith.

One: Holy Spirit, stay with us!

All: Deepen our fellowship, support our sharing.

One: Holy Spirit, challenge our discipleship!

All: Encourage us to venture out, give us the compassion of Jesus.

One: Holy Spirit, work through us!

All: Touch the downhearted with hope, move the dispirited with Love.

*Hymn *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (vs. 1, 2, 4)* 6

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors") Brian Belcher

First Scripture Acts 2:1-8 Brian Belcher

Response One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Music *Go Down Moses* arr. Taylor; Traditional Spiritual
Kirby Chelgren, soloist; Beverly Chelgren, piano

Second Scripture Ezekiel 37:1-14

Response One: The Word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *In the Valley of Dry Bones* Rev. Michael

Invitation to Discipleship

*Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See (vs. 1, 3)* 586

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

*Dedication Prayer

RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion without regard for denominational affiliation. You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.

Invitation to Communion and Words of Institution Brian Belcher

Prayer of Thanksgiving Brian Belcher

Communion Music *Let Us Break Bread Together* Sinclair
Beverly Chelgren, piano Traditional Spiritual

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

*Benediction Rev. Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Flowers have been placed in the chancel to the glory of God and with thanks to Anne Carlisle from her friends for her years of service.

*Please stand if you are able.

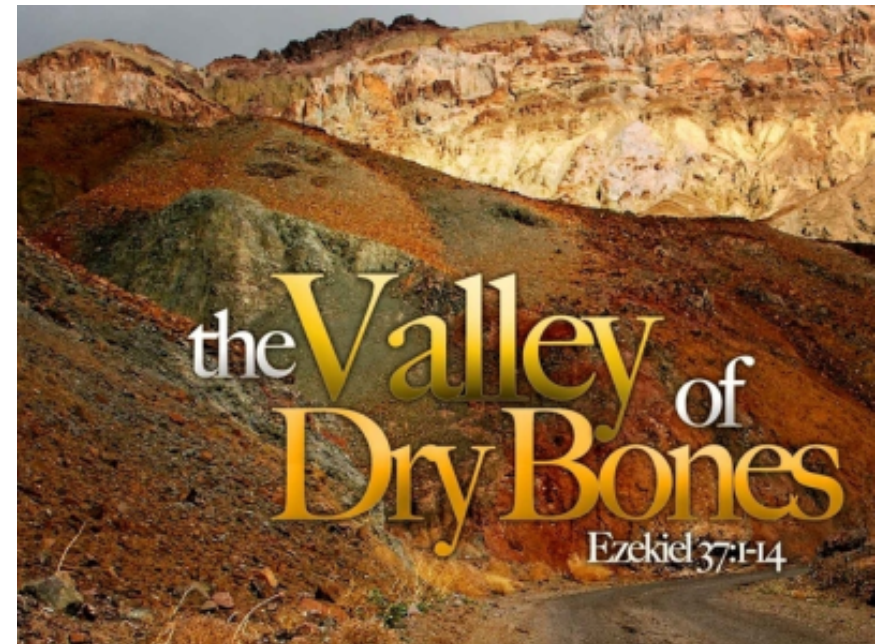
Ezekiel 37:1-14

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. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 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.' 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. 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. 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.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 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." 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. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 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.'

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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First Christian Church

Owensboro, Kentucky



Sunday, May 23, 9AM - Worship In-Person and Online

10AM - Education Team Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 6:30AM – Men’s Fellowship at Panera

5:30PM – Board Meeting in Sanctuary

Sunday, May 30, at 9PM – Worship In-Person and Online

Childcare available in the nursery.

FaHoLo and Disciples Classes will meet immediately following worship.

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