July 18, 2021
8th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Mission:
To embody God’s love for all by living an active faith in service to others.

We Gather to Affirm God’s Presence in Our Lives

May the God we sing to, pray to, and speak to throughout the day bless you and keep you safe.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: The Spirit of God fills the whole world.
Unison: The Spirit of God moves over the deep.
Leader: The spirit of God warms our hearts.
Unison: The Spirit of God fills all things. (David Adam)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION
Unison: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen
SILENCE (be as specific as you wish)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN Morning Has Broken Red Hymnal 29

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE
Ezekiel 37: 1-14
The Valley of Dry Bones

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.’
Romans 8: 9-11
But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

John 14: 25-27
‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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 Let It Breathe on Me NCH 288

SERMON You Never Know

HYMN There Is a Balm in Gilead NCH 553

BENEDICTION

PRAYER (in unison)
May the strength of God guide us, the power of God preserve us, the wisdom of God instruct us, the Spirit of God be within us, this day and forevermore.

CHORAL BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE

SERVING THE CONGREGATION TODAY
Ministers: All of Us
Pastor: Alan McNamara
Organist: Brian Kowalski
Singers: Ashley Kelly, Grace Klonoski, and Olivia Klonoski
Liturgist: Linda Tillis
Video: Kurt Thurmaier
Audio:
Sexton: Tom Spielman

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Morning Has Broken

Eleanor Farjeon, 1931

Unison

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4.D.
Gaetic Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1927

1. Morning has broken Like the first morning, Black-bird has spoken Like the first bird. Praise for the singing!
2. Sweet the rain’s new fall Sun-lit from heaven, Like the first dew-fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweetness
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,
Praise for the morning! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
Of the wet garden, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where his feet pass.
Praise ev - ery morning, God’s re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!
Let It Breathe on Me

Magnolia Lewis-Butts, 1941; alt.

Job 33:4; Ezek. 37:1-14; John 20:19-23

1 Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me, let the breath of the
2 While I’m working, God, in your vineyard here, I cannot
3 When the pathway, God, I cannot see, when the way is

Spirit breathe on me. Let it breathe on me, let it
serve without you near; O come, blessed Spirit, so
hard, O breathe on me; Give me grace to know when

breathe on me, let the breath of God now breathe on me.
close to me that I may feel you breathe on me.
you are near, then, I pray, O Spirit, breathe on me.
There Is a Balm in Gilead

Jer. 8:18–22; 46:11; Acts 10:34–43

**African-American spiritual; alt.**

**Refrain**

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,

**Last time, end**

there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
2 Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
3 If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,

But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
who, if you ask for knowledge, will never fail to lend.
you can tell the love of Jesus, who died to save us all.