

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## Worship for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent: March 29, 2020

### Call to Worship (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)

One: God set the prophet down in a valley of dry bones  
Many: asking, "Can these bones live?"  
commanding, "Hear the word of the Lord,"  
promising, "I will put my spirit in you, you shall live."

One: Jesus wept at the tomb of his friend  
Many: hearing the grief, "Lord, if you had been here..."  
knowing the doubt, "Could not he...?"  
commanding life out of death, "Lazarus, come out!"

One: We are tempted by hopelessness and despair  
Many: in our own pain,  
at the world's brokenness,  
saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope is lost."

One: Lord, have mercy  
Many: Christ, have mercy  
One: Lord, have mercy

### Let us pray:

Creator God,  
we wait for you and in your word we hope.  
For with you is steadfast love  
and great power to redeem.  
Help us to trust you  
and to share your resurrection life  
with all people and the whole creation.  
So may all be raised from despair to hope,  
from darkness to light,  
from death to life;  
through Jesus Christ, who is  
the resurrection and the life. Amen.

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**Scriptures:** Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11

**Sermon Title:** Breathing new life