**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 26, 2023**

\*Hymn: “Join All the Glorious Names” #184 vs. 1,2 & 5

Welcome & Announcements – Ginni Butler

Prelude: “Here I Am to Worship” – Linda Lamy

Invitation to Worship:

Mortal, can these bones live? Can a dry and dusty liturgy dance again?   
**Do ancient words written centuries ago still have the power to**

**change the world? Our presence here is our hopeful “Yes.”**In a valley of dry bones, we see possibility, not despair.

**In a broken world, crying out with parched throats, we sing the power of God’s word.**

***All: Blow through the barren valleys of this world, O God. And breathe your Spirit upon our worship this day. Let our prayer and***

***praise give you glory and honor.***

Invocation & Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 – Ethel Graham

Reading of the Church Covenant

Children’s Message – Laureen Galayda

Praise Music: “Ivory Palaces” – Marvin Choquette & Linda Lamy

Scripture: John 11:1-45

Sermon: “Jesus Began to Weep” – Pastor Sharon

\*Hymn: “There’s Something About That Name” #175

Prayer Time

\*Hymn: “The Old Rugged Cross” #228 vs. 1,2 & 4

Benediction

Postlude: “Give Your Life to Christ” – Les Marsh

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

37The 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, “Prophesy 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, “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.” 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.