

Waupun United Methodist Church

March 26, 2023

“I will put  
my **SPIRIT**  
within you,  
and you  
shall **LIVE...**”

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV

**Welcome to worship.**

**May you find the presence of God wherever you are.**

**\*Call to Worship**

Behold a miracle!

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Come, let us worship the LORD!

**God has clothed our dry bones with flesh.****God has breathed into us new life that we might live.****The graves are opened. Death has lost its sting.****\*Opening Song****Black #2088****on supplement****“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”****\*Opening Prayer**

**Holy God, You sent Your Son into the world, that we might rest our minds on life and peace, rather than on the things of the flesh. May the Spirit who raised Christ from the dead bring us fullness of life, that we might live according to Your holy laws and be a source of light in a world that has learned to love the darkness. Amen.**

Message for/from the Children

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Reading from the Bible

Ezekiel 37:1-14

**37** The LORD took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the LORD to a valley filled with bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out. <sup>3</sup> Then he asked me, “Son of man, can these bones become living people again?” “O Sovereign LORD,” I replied, “you alone know the answer to that.”

<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, ‘Dry bones, listen to the word of the LORD! <sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! <sup>6</sup> I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.’”

<sup>7</sup> So I spoke this message, just as he told me. Suddenly as I spoke, there was a rattling noise all across the valley. The bones of each body came together and attached themselves as complete skeletons. <sup>8</sup> Then as I watched, muscles and flesh formed over the bones. Then skin formed to cover their bodies, but they still had no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Speak a prophetic message to the winds, son of man. Speak a prophetic message and say, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again.’” <sup>10</sup> So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones represent the people of Israel. They are saying, ‘We have become old, dry bones—all hope is gone. Our nation is finished.’” <sup>12</sup> Therefore, prophesy to them and say, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I will open your graves of exile and cause you to rise again. Then I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> When this happens, O my people, you will know that I am the LORD. <sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live again and return home to your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done what I said. Yes, the LORD has spoken!’”

New Living Translation (NLT)

**Hymn****Red #261****on supplement****“Lord of the Dance”**

Reading from the Bible

Romans 8:6-11

<sup>6</sup> So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God’s laws, and it never will. <sup>8</sup> That’s why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

<sup>9</sup> But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) <sup>10</sup> And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. <sup>11</sup> The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

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Pastor’s Message

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**Tithes and Offerings****\*Song of Thanksgiving****Black #2031****2x****on supplement****“We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”****\*Prayer of Dedication**

## Prayers of the People

Joys, Praise and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

## Announcements

\*Closing Song

Red #467

on supplement

"Trust and Obey"

\*Blessing

God says, "I will put my Spirit in you, and you shall live."

**We live to go with God.**

Peace be with you as you leave this place.

**We leave, renewed in spirit, to do God's work in the world.**

Go with God.

**Amen.**

Today's Worship Ministers:	All of us - wherever we are
Tech Operators:	Cole and Callan Bartlett
Pianist:	Sue Rens Guell
Pastor/Worship Leader:	Steve Miller
Counters:	Marilyn VanderSanden and Jeanne Ludjack

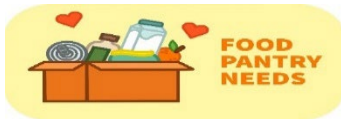
## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, March 26: Confirmation – 10:15

Wednesday, March 29: Amazing Grace Bible study – 6:00

Choir rehearsal - 7:00

This year's Lenten Bible study will be a study based on the hymn: "Amazing Grace." This year is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the hymn. The study continues at 6:00 pm every Wednesday and will conclude Wednesday, April 5. Study books are available for \$10. Contact the Church Office if you would like one.



March - Canned Fruit  
April - Paper Products

## INTENSIVE PRAYER LIST

Joyce Brown Tammy Kasuboski Bob Bradley Paula Wendt Ray Dolgner Ryan Giese  
Dolores Good Those impacted by war in Ukraine The Confirmation class  
Jessica and Brian Jacobson

### Remember our homebound:

Hillside Manor, Beaver Dam: Joyce Berry

Prairie Place, Ripon: Elaine Stanton

Prairie Ridge, Waupun: June Witowich, Phyllis McDowell, Alice Chase, Betty Buchholz

Remembrance Home, Beaver Dam: Dick Walters

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