

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, “Prophecy 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

Notes

LORD.
Acts 2:1-3 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.
Sermon *Ruach* Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding in Faith
Affirmation of Faith *from the Confession of 1967*
Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God’s sign that he will consummate his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ. Amen.
The Service of Giving
 Prayer of Dedication Offering Music
+Response *Glory be to the Father*
 #577
Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People
Going into the World
+Hymn *The Spirit Sends us Forth to Serve* STF2241
+Charge and Benediction

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THE BODY OF CHRIST



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 May 20, 2018
 +Stand as you are able
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ candle

+Call to Worship *Psalm 104 adapt.*

L: It is your nature to create, O God; you have made all things on the earth.

P: From the creatures of the sea to the wild beasts, birds, insects and human beings, you have made us all.

L: We rely on the breath of God's spirit, the *ruach*, for our very lives.

P: May our thoughts be pleasing to God every day; let us sing praises to God for our whole lives!

+Opening Prayer

Let us pray: **With the rush of a mighty wind you created the heavens and the earth, O God; from this we know that the Spirit has always been a part of your work in the world. May we be open to the moving of the spirit in our worship today and in every way the wind blows throughout our lives. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray together: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your***

kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

+Hymn *Spirit* #319

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, on this Pentecost day you remind us of the role of your Spirit in our lives: to be our comforter, our advocate, and our energizer. But we are skeptical, believing only what we can experience with our senses; we deny the spiritual side of our being that yearns for your embrace. Have mercy on us, O God and open us to the wonder of the *ruach*, the breath of life



that comes from you. (moment of silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: The good news is this: In Jesus Christ we have a pattern for living that will heal our own hopelessness and repair the brokenness of the world.

P: In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response *Spirit of the Living God* #322

The Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the Peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Anthem *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God* - Larson

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

In our meditations, O Lord, may your Spirit rest on us, bringing us new insights into your word. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Romans 8:22-27 ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope



we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Hymn *Spirit of God* STF2117

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. 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, "Prophecy 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