

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37

p.1345

Message: "Can These Bones Live"

Dr. Justin Bailey

*Song of Response: "Song of the Prophets"

LUYH 53:1,4,18

God Provides a Table in the Wilderness

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Invitation

We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. You may partake at the table or take it back to your seats to partake there.

Communion Song: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

LUYH 746

"I Am the Bread of Life"

LUYH 842

We Are Sent as Disciples

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights" LUYH 134:1,3,4,5

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Justin Bailey ♦ Piano: Ryan Smit ♦ Worship Leader: Jill Friend

Sound: Andy Landman ♦ Video: Terry Friend ♦ CCLI #493458 ♦ OneLicense #A-721171

Hearing Assistance

A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.



Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023



A Table in the Wilderness

Ezekiel 37:1-3

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

God Gathers Us

Welcome & Call to Worship: Psalm 146:7-10 p.980

*Song: "Come Away from Rush and Hurry" LUYH 527

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Oh Give Thanks (Psalm 107)"

1. ***We were wand'ring in the desert with our souls so starved and weak.
We were hungry for a homeland we did not know how to seek.
But we lifted up our voices to the only One who hears;
and the God of mercy came and brought us near.***
2. ***We were locked out of the garden, and our backs bent down with pain.
In the shadow of death's darkness, we were slaves to sin and blame.
Then we cried out in our labor to the only One who hears,
and the God of mercy wiped away our tears.***

*Chorus: Oh, give thanks to the Lord for His love endures forever!
We were wandering and lost, and our Father brought us home,
to a safe dwelling place, to a feast of joy and laughter.
Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!*

3. ***We were fools in our rebellion, with our hunger strike of pride.
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died.
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names;
And the God of glory took away our shame.***

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We Journey into the Wilderness

Prayer of Confession

God of Exodus and wilderness, God of refuge and help,
hear us now as we make our confession to you.

**In times of temptation we forget what you have done for us.
You give us everything we need, yet we often remain unsatisfied;
you trust us to care for creation,
yet we often abuse that trust and spoil what we have been given.
You show us the way we are to follow,
yet we often continue on the path
of self-indulgence and self-centeredness.**

Forgive us, we pray.

Silence

We ask for your direction, your patience, your love,
in the name of Jesus Christ, who, in spite of his temptations,
was faithful to your saving Word. Amen.

Words of Assurance: based on Ezekiel 36:26, II Cor. 1:20 p.1345, 1795

Song: "Speak to Us"

**1. Can God make a feast in the wilderness?
O Lord, can you give us bread?
We've seen the waters that flowed from the rock,
but we are hungry again; Lord we are hungry again.**

*Chorus: Speak to us in our need; speak to us in our hunger;
Lord, please help us to see you're the food that we long for.
Speak to us, speak to us, O Lord...*

**2. We work for the bread that the world can give,
for food that will not satisfy.
O come instead to the table of God and eat the true bread of life;
come eat the true bread of life. (to chorus)**

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Offering Announcement

*Offering our gifts is an important part of our response to God—connecting our worship
with a life of discipleship—and is a way to participate in the ministry of Covenant CRC
here in this building and around the world. Offering boxes are located at the entrances to
the sanctuary, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.*

Prayers for the Church and World

God Feeds Us with His Word

Children's Blessing: "Taste and See" LUYH 817 (chorus)

Leader & Congregation: **The Lord be with you.**

Kids & Helpers: And also with you.

Leader & Congregation: **God bless you as you worship.**

Kids & Helpers: God bless you as you worship.

Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to go downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.