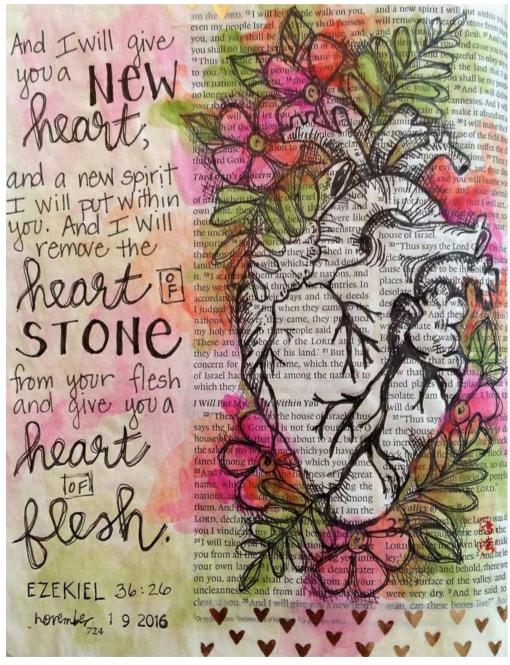


June 1, 2025



The Service of the Lord's Day Order of Worship

*Please stand if you are able. Congregation to recite bolded passages.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenn DiFrancesco

PRELUDE "Petite Allemande" by Garrett Parker Valerie Adelung

INTROIT "Come, Come Unto Me" by Ken Dosso Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace McDowell

Come, all who feel dry and brittle, all whose hope feels far away.

We come, trusting that God still breathes life into dust.

Come, all who feel scattered or alone. Come with your questions, your ache, your longing.

We come, waiting for the Spirit to gather and restore.

The breath of God is moving, stirring what once seemed dead.

We are being pieced together by love and made new by the One who calls us to rise.

Let us worship the God of breath and bones, of resurrection and re-creation.

We will worship with hope. We will worship with trust. We will worship with every breath.

*HYMN # 409

"God is Here"

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Grace McDowell

Come, not to hide what hurts, but to name it. Not to tidy yourself up, but to be made new. Let us pray together.

Grace McDowell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess that we chase safety instead of sanctity. We want clarity, not calling. We prefer comfort over conviction. You prayed for us to be one, but we have chosen sides. You made us for joy, but we rehearse our grudges.

Forgive what we have fractured. Heal what we've hidden. And make us whole again, not by erasing what's broken, but by redeeming it. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 443

"There is a Redeemer" verse 3

When I stand in glory, I will see his face; there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Jenn DiFrancesco

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Grace McDowell

Spirit of the Living God, breathe on these dry bones. Open our ears, uncloud our minds, and bring your Word to life in us. Amen.

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. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I 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."

So 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. I 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. Then 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." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then 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.' Therefore 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. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I 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."

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

BLESSING OF THE HANDBELLS

Jenn DiFrancesco

SPECIAL MUSIC "Echoes Echoes Echoes" by Bill Ingram Handbell Choir

SERMON Bones and Breath Jenn DiFrancesco

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Jenn DiFrancesco

There are different gifts,

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are a variety of ways to serve God,

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through people in different ways.

But it is the same God who inspires a faithful response.

Each one is given gifts by the Spirit, to use for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ.

Constitutional Questions for the Elders and Deacons:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

(For the Ruling Elders) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(For the Deacons) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Constitutional Questions for the Congregation:

Do we, the members of the church accept these men and women as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

*HYMN # 69

"Here I Am, Lord"

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jenn DiFrancesco

Come to this table, not because you are whole, but because you long to be made whole. Come, not because you have all the answers, but because you've heard a voice call your name. Here, Christ gathers the scattered, breathes life into the broken, and feeds us with love that does not run dry.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of breath and bone, you speak life where there is none. You meet us in the valleys— where hope feels lost, where the pieces don't quite fit, where we forget who we are— and still you call us your people.

You have never stopped gathering us. Never stopped loving us back to life. You raised Jesus from the grave, not to escape this world, but to love it back to life. And still today, you piece us together with love, and breathe your Spirit into all that is dry and weary.

So we join our voices with those from every time and place, the ones who sing from mountaintops and the ones who whisper from hospital beds, lifting our praise to you:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus came to us not as a warrior or ruler, but as one who sat at tables, who touched the untouchable, who noticed the forgotten. On the night he was betrayed, he took bread. And after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his friends saying:

This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

This cup is the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we remember his life, his death, his rising—

and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit, O God—not only on these gifts of bread and cup, but on us. Breathe life into our dry places. Piece together what's been torn. Make of us a body that can love, a church that can rise, a people that can speak hope to a world that's gasping for breath.

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jenn DiFrancesco

Holy One, we give you thanks for this meal, for the mystery of love made visible in broken bread and a shared cup. You have met us in our dry places, breathed your Spirit into what felt lifeless, and pieced us together again.

As we go from this table, may we carry your breath in our lungs, your hope in our bones, and your love in our lives. Make us people who rise with breath and move with love. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jenn DiFrancesco

Even in the valley, God gives us breath. Even in our scattered places, God gathers us up. Let us respond to that grace by offering what we have, trusting that God can use even the smallest gifts to bring life where it's needed most.

During this time of offering, you may place your gift in the plate as you leave this morning, or give in any of the other ways listed in your bulletin's announcement page.

OFFERTORY

"Days of Elijah" by Robin Mark

Becca Petersen Olivia Carlton Kate Cooper

*DOXOLOGY #709

"God, We Honor You"

God, we honor you.

God, we trust in you.

God, we worship and adore you.

Take what we bring, offered to you.

Teach us to show your abundant blessings.

Alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluia, Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jenn DiFrancesco

Take these gifts, O God, our money, our time, our hope, and breathe your Spirit through them. May they bring comfort where there is ache, justice where there is silence, and life where things feel broken. Make us generous in love, and bold in trust. Amen.

*HYMN # 697

"Take My Life"

*BENEDICTION

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

"Everlasting Victory" by Humphrey Turner

Valerie Adelung

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me.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky



I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.



- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.