PENTECOST

“Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.”
Ezekiel 37:5

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us; we dwell in him and he in us. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Let us worship our God.

*HYMN #139 “Breathe on Me Breath of God”
1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

INVOCATION: Lord God, especially today as we remember the coming of your Spirit, teach those of us who lead worship not to rely on our own strength to make worship meaningful and inspiring. Rather, give us joy and freedom in knowing that worship is a gift made possible by the work of your Holy Spirit. Through Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray the prayer he taught us when he said, “Our Father….”

ACT OF PRAISE: Psalm 104:1-13

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, O LORD my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honor and majesty,
2 wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
3 you set the beams of your[a] chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your[b] chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,
4 you make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,
you make the winds your[c] messengers, fire and flame your[d] ministers.

5 You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.
6 You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.
7 At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
8 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys
to the place that you appointed for them.
9 You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.
10 You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,
11 giving drink to every wild animal; the wild ass quench their thirst.
12 By the streams[e] the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.
13 From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC – The First Calvary Baptist Church Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14

37:1 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. 2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” 4 Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath[g] to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath[b] in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.” 7 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. 8 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. 9 Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath:[c] Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath,[d] and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. 11 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.’ 12 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. 13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 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.”

MESSAGE: These Bones Will Live

*HYMN #149 “Gracious Spirit, Dwell in Me”

1 Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would gracious be;
and with words that help and heal would thy life in mine reveal;
and with actions bold and meek would for Christ my Savior speak.
2 Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would truthful be;  
and with wisdom kind and clear let thy life in mine appear;  
and with actions brotherly speak my Lord’s sincerity.

3 Mighty Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would mighty be;  
mighty so as to prevail where unaided man must fail;  
ever by a mighty hope pressing on and bearing up.

4 Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would holy be;  
separate from sin, I would choose and cherish all things good,  
and whatever I can be, give to him who gave me thee!

BENEDICTION: Remember that the harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The Spirit is our source of life. Let us  
therefore walk by the Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE