

# Warwick River Mennonite Church

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - April 2, 2017

*Focus Statement: When we come to the end of our own human vitality, and purpose, we recognize the reality of death in and around us.*

Prelude Susan Parrucci

Welcome and Time of Greeting

\*Invocation

\*Call To Worship

Leader: Come. Bring your weary bones and your crushed souls.

**People: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.**

Leader: Come. Bring your dashed hopes and broken dreams.

**People: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.**

Leader: Come. Bring your heavy sorrow and lingering sadness.

**People: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.**

Leader: Bring all you that you have and all that you are.

The Spirit is here to breathe life into all that is lifeless.

\*Time for Silent Reflection and Preparation

\*Congregational Singing

### *Confession and Words of Assurance*

Confession

Leader: God, we confess that when we look into the valleys of our lives, we are tempted to fix our gaze on the remnants of our past. We see the dry bones, and we doubt in our minds- "Will these bones ever live?"

**People: But in the midst of our doubt, we proclaim that you are the life-giving Spirit. You breathe new life into all that is dead.**

*Reader 1: For you, O God, raised up the dry bones in the valley.*

*Reader 2: Your son, Jesus, brought Lazarus out from the tomb,*

*Reader 3: and your Spirit lifted anew the hearts of the disciples.*

Leader: Teach us, O Lord, to wait for your breath.

**All: Blow your mighty wind into the hollow chambers of our hearts, that we may never settle for death, but**

*rise again as your beloved people.*

*(pause for silent confession)*

Words of Assurance

Leader: God, holy Breath.

**All: restore us.**

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you, once more. Our whole selves waited for you, O Lord, and you answered us. In you there is unfailing love and full redemption. You redeem us from all our sins.

### *Hearing*

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

John 11: 38-45

Children's Time

(The children may now be released for Children's Church)

Hymn of Preparation

Message of Worship "Restore us, O God! We breathe." John Dey

"Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God" Mixed Ensemble

### *Responding*

Sharing of Announcements, Blessings, Concerns

Pastoral Prayer/Prayer of Dedication

Offering

Offertory

Susan Parrucci

### *Sending*

\*Prayer of Sending

Leader: Go, breathing deeply of the Spirit who inspires life into all that is lifeless. Go enlivened, invigorated, refreshed. Amen.

\*Song of Sending

Worship Leader: Kathryn Baer

Song Leader: Lisa Fannin

Next Week's Scriptures: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philipians 2: 5-11; Matthew 26: 14-27; Matthew 21: 1-11

### **This Week's Events:**

- ◆ *Today- April 2<sup>nd</sup>* – after worship there will be a brief congregational meeting to approve the 2017 budget.
- ◆ *Mon.-Fri. April 3-7<sup>th</sup>* WRCS Spring Break.
- ◆ *Tues.- April 4<sup>th</sup>* – 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Homemakers Fellowship.
- ◆ *Wed. April 5<sup>th</sup>* – No Wed. Night activities due to Spring Break.
- ◆ *Thurs. April 6<sup>th</sup>* – 7:00 p.m. WRMC Council Meeting.
- ◆ *Sat. April 8<sup>th</sup>* – 4:30 p.m. Harmonica Club in FR.
- ◆ *Sun. April 9<sup>th</sup>* - Palm Sunday.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- ◆ *Wed. April 12<sup>th</sup>* 6:00 p.m. Wednesday night's resume.
- ◆ *Fri. April 14<sup>th</sup>* – 7:00 p.m. WRMC Good Friday Service. Communion will be shared.
- ◆ *Sun. April 16<sup>th</sup>* – 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Breakfast. Light meal will be provided prior to worship.
- ◆ *Sat. April 22<sup>nd</sup>* – 8:00 a.m. WRCS Color Run at Riverview Farm Park. See Bulletin Insert.
- ◆ *Wed. April 26<sup>th</sup>* Final Wednesday evening worship for this semester.

**Primary/ Middler:** Ann Aulich

**Jr. Youth:** **April 2:** Susan Dey  
**April 9:** Fran Redekop  
**April 16:** No Sunday School – Easter Breakfast  
**April 23:** Fran Redekop  
**April 30:** Susan Dey

**Sr. Youth:** **April 2:** Jenn Salyers  
**April 9:** Jay Shenk  
**April 16:** No Sunday School – Easter Breakfast  
**April 23:** Jay Shenk  
**April 30:** Jenn Salyers

**Young Adult:** **April 2:** Lynn Showalter  
**April 9:** Krystal Hurr  
**April 16:** No Sunday School – Easter Breakfast  
**April 23:** Jenny Mahone  
**April 30:** TBD

**Children's Church:** Ann Aulich

<sup>e</sup>  
P^acemakers adult Sunday school class meets in the Sewing Room across from the kitchen. Truthseekers adult Sunday school class is held in the classroom around the corner from the kitchen. For the Spring quarter we will be looking at "God Loves Us" from a study of Psalms, Joel, Jonah, John, Romans, Ephesians, and I John.

**“Restore us, O God! We breathe.”**



**My Vision of Healing & Hope – Mary, Age 6  
WRMC Kids Club**

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**April 2, 2017**

**Vision: Healing & Hope**

*God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.*

