

* **Call to Worship:** *Psalm 98:1a, 4, 5, 6*

*Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.*

**Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;
make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.**

* **Opening Prayer**

* **O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise** #111:1,2,7 (PH)

O give the Lord wholehearted praise.
To him thanksgiving I will bring;
With all his people I will raise
My voice and of his glory sing.

His saints delight to search and trace
His mighty works and wondrous ways.
Majestic glory, boundless grace,
And righteousness his work displays.

In reverence and in godly fear
We find the key to wisdom's ways;
The wise his holy name revere.
Through endless ages sound his praise!

* **I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord** #169:1,2 (PH)

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.
With my mouth will I make known
Your faithfulness, Your faithfulness;
With my mouth will I make known
Your faithfulness to all generations.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever
For the things he has done.

All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever,
All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise.

Who can be compared to God in faithfulness, in faithfulness?

Who can be compared to God

In faithfulness to all generations?

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 108-109

What is God's will for us in the seventh commandment?

God condemns all unchastity.

**We should therefore thoroughly detest it
and, married or single, live decent and chaste lives.**

Does God, in this commandment, forbid only such
scandalous sins as adultery?

**We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul,
and God wants both to be kept clean and holy.**

**That is why he forbids everything which incites unchastity,
whether it be actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires.**

Offering: Gary & Mary

Evening Prayer

Children's Message

Breathe on Me, Breath of God #161:1,3,4 (HFG)

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

Scripture: *Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NIV)* pg. 906

¹ *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. ² 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. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."*

⁴ *Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"*

⁷ *So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.*

⁹ *Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.*

¹¹ *Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.*

¹³ *Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.*

¹⁴ *I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Dry Bones and Spiritual Empowerment*

Prayer

* **Days of Elijah**

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,
Righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Refrain: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant, David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in the world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the Word of the Lord. *Refrain*

* **God's Blessing**


* **God, the Father of Your People**

#322:2 (PH)

May the grace of Christ, our Savior,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.
May we now remain in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys that earth cannot afford.

Dry Bones and Spiritual Empowerment

Ezekiel 37:1-14

◆ **THUS SAYS** *the* 
LORD GOD
to these **BONES:**
BEHOLD I WILL CAUSE
BREATH TO ENTER
YOU AND
YOU **LIVE.**
SHALL

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Children's Message: Rich

Music: Sharon Assink, Shirley

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