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# Sunday Service Bulletin

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Pentecost Sunday

*These Bones Will Live*

*Worship Series*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Worship**



**\*\* P - Pastor. Bold - C: Congregation responds \*\***

P: Beloved of God, pay attention. Did you notice? There are dry bones all around us. In our neighborhoods, our workplaces, our schools, our community and nation and world. They pop up wherever people are parched for love and dignity, provision and flourishing. We notice them, and we wonder:

**C: Will these bones live?**

P: Pay attention. Can you hear it? So many of us carry dry bones that clank around in our hearts. Dreams that are dying. Gifts that are languishing. Hopes left undernourished and neglected. Loneliness that eats away at our sense of connection with one another until we wonder:

**C: Can these bones live?**

P: Pay attention. Can you feel it? The Holy Spirit breathes among us. Breathe in love. Breathe in provision. Breathe in connection and flourishing. Because the Spirit never quits breathing among us, assuring us:

**C: These bones will live.**

P: Pay attention. Can you sense it? God is always putting us back

together. In dreams of abundance and visions of cooperation, in the cacophony of voices who share and receive the good news in their own languages, the Spirit revives us and restores us, reminding us:

**C: These bones live, because Love dwells among us, now and always. Thanks be to God. Amen!**

**Our Statement of Faith – The Apostles Creed p. 881 UMH**

**\*\* All to recite in unison \*\***

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Gloria Patri**

p. 70 UMH

Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.

**Opening Hymn – O Spirit of the Living God** p. 539 UMH

**Sharing Our Praises & Prayers**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering - Ushers come forward**

**Doxology** p. 95 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NRSV)**

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>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.” <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, 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.” <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup> 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.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy 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. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> 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.”

**Congregational Hymn – Spirit Song p. 347 UMH**



## **Gospel Reading – Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)**

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.<sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and

astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

**Sermon** – These Bones Will Live

**Closing Hymn** – Surely the Presence of the Lord p. 328 x2 UMH

## **Benediction & Commission**

Go out into the world, and labor to bring forth new life.

Dream dreams, pursue visions and speak of God's goodness in the words of those who would hear.

And may the God who breathed life into creation be your delight.

May Christ Jesus give hope to your dreaming, and may the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter,

set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace.

Beloved family go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in Christ's name, Amen!

## **Announcements**

- A memorial gift has been given to the Union UMC Cemetery Fund by Norma Jean Harbin for her parents, Albert and Adeline S. Harbin. This gift was given for her mother on Mother's Day and for her father's May 12<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- A gift was given to the glory of God and in memory of Becky Lingo by Norma Jean Harbin.
- A gift was given to the glory of God and in memory of Becky Lingo by Tony & Frances Gough.
- A gift was given to the glory of God and in memory of Mozelle Disher for Mother's Day by her daughter, Jo Ann Gough.





## Prayer List

### Military / Missionary

Steve and Lena Gough

All who are serving our country at home and abroad

## Church Family

Wayne Bumgardner  
Frank Dalton  
Jenny Davis  
Sherry Doub  
Frances V. Gough

Wanda Needham  
Barbara Perryman  
Frances Sisk  
Eleanor Thompson

## Church Friend / Extended Family

Tommy Bost  
Tammy Seats Boyd  
Jane Bullin  
Leisha Carpenter  
Glenna Culler  
Joe Dean  
Randy DePew  
Amanda Doub  
Ruby Driver  
Joanne Everhart  
Mary & Francis File  
Eddie Haire  
Garry Harbin  
Kathy Harbin  
Lynda Harper  
Gail Howard  
Randy Hunter

Amber Lambert  
Jeannette Lanier  
Family of Becky Lingo  
Kevin McBride  
Kevin McDaniel  
Matt McKnight  
Mark Megela  
Marie Parrish  
Dawn Proctor  
Jay D. Prevette  
Vivian Royal  
Mary Ellen Smith  
Mark Wall  
Ann Wallace  
Robert and Susan Warren  
Savannah Wooten

## May Birthdays

Susan McBride	1	Hayden Potts	18
Lissa Seats	1	Linda Southern	19
Ashley Snow Perryman	5	Kaye Lynne Parker	21
Johnny Disher	6	Ruby Slater Driver	23
Nancy Plemmons	7	John Kovac	23
Frances Sisk	7	Natalie Gould	25
Chelsea Manring	13	Melanie Perryman	26
Nicholas McBride	13	Wayne Bumgardner	31
Connie V. Bolen Wood	13		

### Wesley Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen!