



The Church of the Open Hands

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Welcome to this New Worship Service to address the Public Gathering Restrictions due to COVID-19

Any time after 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 29, listen to the weekly podcast of this service:

<https://farmington-pres.org/sermons>

Grounds for Hope

March 29, 2020

5th Sunday in Lent

(Recorded March 26, 2020)

Prayer of Preparation:

Anne Osdieck

*O Christ, open our graves. Breathe your Spirit into our dry bones.
You promised we will come to life in you.*

Welcome / Greetings

Prelude

Grafton

David Thorne

*Sung Call to Worship (responsively) *It Is Well with My Soul*

Our lives feel all disjointed as though they were a valley of dry bones.

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well with my soul

The Spirit of God challenges us to be people of faith.

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well with my soul

The Spirit of God breathes hope into each one of us.

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well with my soul

Open our lives, Lord, and break us free from doubt and fear.

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well with my soul

Lord, give us open hearts and spirits to receive your healing love.

Refrain: It is well with my soul; it is well with my soul

The Valley of Dry Bones

37 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. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I 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."

⁷So 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. ⁸I 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. ⁹Then 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." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then 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.' ¹²Therefore 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I 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."

Song Response:	<i>Dry Bones</i>	arr. Jerry Custer
Reflection	Grounds for Hope	Pastor Eddie
Offertory	<i>Caswall</i>	
Doxology	<i>All That We Have</i> All that we have, all that we are, All that we hope to be: Work of our hands, fruit of our lives -- All this, we offer to Thee.	Jerry Custer

Prayer of Dedication & The Lord's Prayer

based on Psalm 130

Consoling God of comfort and love, we cried out to you out of the depths of our despair, embraced in worry and fear, so that we failed to hear your answers of compassion and hope. Later, we saw that you were there with us, willing to help us with strength and support. We bring more than our gifts and tithes today; we bring ourselves as an offering – ready to use our arms, hands, and feet to be your comforting and strengthening presence to others. We make this offering joyfully and faithfully in the name of Jesus, our rock and redeemer. Amen.

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.

Benediction

Romans 15:13

Closing Musical Selection #834

Precious Lord, Take My Life

Please join us again next Sunday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m. when our next podcast will be posted to the website. While we are physically distancing ourselves, let this be our way of avoiding spiritual distancing ourselves from our church family and friends.

Also for additional spiritual enrichment, please check the daily lectionary readings on our home page or join us for The Wired Word, an adult curriculum via ZOOM meeting on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.:

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