

THE
United Church
OF THE **San Juans**



**6TH SUNDAY
OF PENTECOST
IN ORDINARY
TIME
JUNE 23, 2024**

MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

There is one way of breathing that is shameful and constricted. Then there's another way; a breath of love that takes you all the way to infinity.

- Rumi

Are you breathing just a little and then calling it a life?

- Mary Oliver

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Melinda Veatch

PRELUDE

Instrumental Music

Katy Kristoffersen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob McDaniel

Leader: Today we come to worship the God in whom we live and move and have our being.

People: The Spirit of God has made us and the breath of God gives us life.

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

People: We praise the God who has blessed us with breath and life, with joy and fullness.

Leader: Let us worship God together!

WELCOMING SONG*

Revive Us Again

(William P. Mackay, words; John J. Husband, music)

Hymn No. 463

Verses 1, 2, and 3

Congregation

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Bob McDaniel

Loving God, through your Holy Spirit, we live full lives in Jesus Christ. Your breath gives us life and a peace that passes all understanding. We thank you and we praise you for all the ways your Spirit fills and animates our living. Receive our praise as we celebrate the lives of love we live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Keep us walking in your Way of Life and Love. Amen.

*Indicates we stand - if it is comfortable

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. 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. He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”

Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. 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.’”

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. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

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.’” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

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.’ 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. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. 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.’”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

Breath of God

*Breathe on me, breath of God.
My spirit yearns for you.
Hide me in your mothering arms.
Fill up my longing soul.*

Refrain

*Flood over me like a river, My God.
Immerse me in your living stream.
Awaken the song that you placed in my heart.
Spirit, breathe on me, Spirit, breathe on me.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God.
Burn bright, eternal fire.
Father draw me near to your heart.
You are my one desire. **Refrain***

SCRIPTURE READING**Romans 8:14-17**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.**SERMON**

Getting Our Breath

Pastor Melinda Veatch

RESPONSIVE SONG***Oh Breath of Life**

(Elizabeth Ann P. Head, words; Mary J. Hammond, music)

HYMN NO. 328**ALL VERSES**

Congregation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS*Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Pastor Melinda Veatch

DOXOLOGY*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bob McDaniel and Pastor Melinda Veatch

The Lord's Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

CLOSING SONG***Spirit Song**

(John Wimber)

Hymn No. 352**All Verses**

Congregation

CLOSING PRAYER

Bob McDaniel

Holy God, you call us to live lives that go beyond ourselves. You direct us to take your love and your gifts outside the walls of your church and to be your breath of life in the world. We thank you for your gift of breath that gives us life. We thank you for the freedom we have as we live and breathe in your Holy Spirit. Help us carry your breath and your life as we walk into this hurting world. Amen.

POSTLUDE*Instrumental Music*

Katy Kristoffersen

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor Melinda Veatch

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- We find our joy and meaning through faith in God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- We seek to promote Christian unity and to encourage understanding and cooperation with those from different traditions.
- We seek to foster deeper relationships with God and each other through worship, fellowship, growth and service.

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