

# THE BULLETIN

FRANKLIN UMC

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## lections

Readings for this week

### EZEKIEL 37:1-10 (11-14)

*New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*

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, "Prophesy 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, "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." <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.

PSALM 130

ROMANS 8:6-11

JOHN 11:1-45

## reflections

The Lord asks Ezekiel if bones can live. The answer should have been obvious: no. But that's not what Ezekiel says. How do you read Ezekiel's response? Why didn't he just say the obvious?

Read Ezekiel 37:4-14. Do the dry bones live? How do the bones receive life? What happens? What does Ezekiel have to do?

## worship

Sunday at 10am in-person in-the-sanctuary and via Google Meet, also livestreaming/archived on YouTube

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of God has brought us here.

**The Lord has set us down, though our bones are tired.**

Can these dry bones live?

**Yes! The Breath of God will revive us! The Word of God will awaken us!**

Today, we come together to experience new life.

**Let us give thanks to the Wild, Life-Giving Spirit of God!**

### "O Breath of Life"

No. 543, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

### PRAYERS

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

### READ

### REFLECT

### "Dry Bones"

Traditional. Arranged by Livingston Gearhart

### GIVE

No. 95, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989)

### "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

No. 2120, *The Faith We Sing* (2011)

### GO IN PEACE

# NEWS & EVENTS

## FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

### Dry Bones

Traditional. Arranged by Livingston Gearhart

Ezekiel cried, "Them dry bones," (3x's)  
Now hear the word of the Lord.

Ezekiel connected them dry bones (3x's)  
Now hear the word of the Lord.

Oh when ya toe bone connected to ya' foot bone,  
Ya foot bone connected to ya' heel bone,  
Ya heel bone connected to ya' ankle bone,  
Ya ankle bone connected to ya' leg bone,  
Ya leg bone connected to ya' knee bone,  
Ya knee bone connected to ya' thigh bone,  
Ya thigh bone connected to ya' hip bone,  
Ya hip bone connected to ya' back bone,  
Ya back bone connected to ya' shoulder bone,  
Ya shoulder bone connected to ya' neck bone,  
Ya neck bone connected to ya' head bone,  
Now, hear the word of the Lord.

Them bones, them bones, gonna walk around (3x's)  
Now hear the word of the Lord.

Disconnect them bones, them dry bones, (3x's)  
Now hear the word of the Lord.

O when ya' head bone connected from ya' neck bone,  
ya' neck bone connected from ya' shoulder bone,  
ya' shoulder bone connected from ya' back bone,  
ya' back bone connected from ya' hip bone,  
ya' hip bone connected from ya' thigh bone,  
ya' thigh bone connected from ya' knee bone,  
ya' knee bone connected from ya' leg bone,  
ya' leg bone connected from ya' ankle bone,  
ya' ankle bone connected from ya' heel bone,  
ya' heel bone connected from ya' foot bone,  
ya' foot bone connected from ya' toe bone,  
Now hear the word of the Lord.

Them bones, them bones, them dry bones (3x's)  
Now hear the word of the Lord.

Them bones, them bones, them dry bones (3x's)  
Now hear the word of the Lord!

### HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 10am  
Holy Thursday Potluck 5:30pm  
Good Friday 7pm  
Easter Sunday 10am  
Easter Egg Hunt 11:15am

### EASTER EGG HUNT & DONATIONS

The Franklin UMC will host its 4th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5. Children ages 0-10 are invited to hunt eggs in designated areas separated by age-group. Participants are asked to bring their own basket or bag. Participants will be released to find eggs at 11:15a. Light refreshments and coffee will be served inside the church. If you would like to donate candy and/or small prizes for this event, stuff eggs, or help with refreshments, please contact Dawn Harlow or Pastor Jacob.

### BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is reading *The House Maid* by Freida McFadden. The next meeting is Monday April 13th at 6:30 pm. The group will meet in a hybrid format. For the address and link, view the group's page in Realm Connect.

### FOOD PANTRY

This month we're collecting bagged chips, cookies and crackers, 8-12 oz packs. Items will be brought over to the Food Pantry at the end of the month. Thank you!

### REALM CONNECT

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