Prelude  "Fanfare and Trumpet Voluntary"
         David Lasky
         MorningStar Music Publishers

Welcome

Opening Words
   One:  Breathe into the story that is Peace
   Many: Breathe in, breathe out
         The breath of God

   One:  Breathe in to the places we find comfort
   Many: Breathe in, breathe out
         The breath of God

   One:  Breathe out to the places and things we need to let go of
   Many: Breathe in, breathe out
         The breath of God

   One:  Breathe in the new life we are called to be
   Many: Breathe in, breathe out
         The breath of God

   One:  Breathe in the fresh breath of change
   Many: Breathe in, breathe out
         The breath of God
Prayer of Invocation
Gracious and Loving God, creator and giver of breath. We are grateful for the comfort you bring us in difficult days and for the peace you provide as we let go of the pain of yesterday and the worries for tomorrow. Be with us now as we receive your life giving breath – a breath that will restore us and challenge us to live. Amen

Word in Song  Darcy Swanson  "Dry Bones"
Traditional Spiritual
Warner Brother Publications (Alred Publishing)

Sacred Texts
Ezekiel 37: 1-10
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. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.'
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.’

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. 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. 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.’ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

**A More Contemporary Word from Robin Meyers**

“If the church is to survive as a place where head and heart are equal partners in faith, then we will need to commit ourselves once again not to the worship of Christ, but to the imitation of Jesus. His invitation was not to believe, but to follow. (p. 145)”

— Robin R. Meyers, Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus

**Sermon** Rev. Wendy Bruner

**Hymn** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"   Tune: Trentham

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Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew. That I may love the heart is pure, until with you I one desire: That every earthly way you love and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my stir in me one will, to do and to endure. part of me may glow with holy fire.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, But live with you the perfect life of your eternity.
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Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

A Time for Gratitude

Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to join
Your work in the world. Amen

Closing

Postlude Postlude on “Hyfrydol”
Jason D. Payne    Rowland H. Pritchard
Lorenz Publishing

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