

WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday May 19th
Scholarship Sunday/Pentecost
Series: Where is God?

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME

Gather Us In (OneLic) vs. 1,2,4 only TFWS 2236

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of God has brought us here.

**The Lord has set us down here,
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!

~ written by Amy Loving, and posted on **The Worship Closet** website. <http://worshipcloset.com/>

OPENING PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit,

the one who sang a new melody as God's Creation rose from Chaos,
who wept at the dark shadow of a cross,

and who danced early in the morning, at the opening of an empty tomb,

Come, Holy Spirit,
the one who could not be contained by wind, or flame, or breath,
the one who blesses the Church with courage, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit, to us,
who gather this day with trembling hands and uncertain hearts.
Teach us to sing a new song and to dance with reckless abandon.

Here in this gathering of believers, as you did with those so long ago,
breathe on us now.

Breathe on us,
blowing away our fears and our hesitations.

Breathe on us,
transforming our hard-heartedness into passion-filled lives.

Breathe on us,
for we need peace, peace that only you can give.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

— Rev. Nancy J, on her blog, [wonderings through life and other such nonsense](#).

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER This Is My Commandment

CHILDRENS MOMENT

HYMN Spirit of the Living God (CCLI) UMH 393

TIME OF PRAYER

PASTORAL AND SILENT PRAYER (MUSIC)

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 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 now and forever. Amen.

HYMN Loving Spirit (CCLI) vs. 1-4 only TFWS 2123

LESSON 1: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Lord's power overcame me, and while I was in the Lord's spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. ² He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

³ He asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?" I said, "Lord God, only you know."

⁴ He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the Lord's word! ⁵ The Lord God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. ⁶ I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the Lord."

⁷ I prophesied just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was prophesying, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone. ⁸ When I looked, suddenly there were sinews on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them.

⁹ He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, human one! Say to the breath, The Lord God proclaims: Come from

the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live.”

¹⁰ I prophesied just as he commanded me. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company.

¹¹ He said to me, “Human one, these bones are the entire house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are completely finished.’ ¹² So now, prophesy and say to them, The Lord God proclaims: I’m opening your graves! I will raise you up from your graves, my people, and I will bring you to Israel’s fertile land. ¹³ You will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, my people. ¹⁴ I will put my breath in you, and you will live. I will plant you on your fertile land, and you will know that I am the Lord. I’ve spoken, and I will do it. This is what the Lord says.”

May God add a blessing to this reading.

LESSON 2 Acts 2:1-21

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. 4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

5 There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. 7 They were surprised and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? 8 How then can each of us hear

them speaking in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” 12 They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?” 13 Others jeered at them, saying, “They’re full of new wine!”

14 Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! 15 These people aren’t drunk, as you suspect; after all, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! 16 Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*17 In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your young will see visions.
Your elders will dream dreams.*

*18 Even upon my servants, men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.*

*19 I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.*

*20 The sun will be changed into darkness,
and the moon will be changed into blood,
before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.*

21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

This is the Word of God for all people.

Thanks be to God.

