



Welcome

Prelude/Candle-lighting

“Upon the Cross Extended”
(C.V. Husle)

Evelyn Rohrbach

Ringing of the Bell

Lenten Chant

Return to God

Refrain

Re-turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and
mer-cy: come seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God asked the prophet, “Can these bones live?”

All: Can our soul-weary bones live again? Can we dance again after mourning and loss?

Leader: The answer is “yes”—God’s breath is poured out as new life for weary souls! Let us celebrate the gift of God’s new life,

All: And come to worship God in laughter and dancing!

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

Compassionate God, the wind of your Spirit is life for all who long for you. Your breath calls us to life, rescues us from the arid valley of dry bones, grants us muscles and sinews and joy with which to praise you, and fills us with hope. Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of your Spirit, that what has lain dormant may burst into bloom, and what looks to us like death may be revealed as but sleep before the emergence of new life. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Hymnal #316

Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-5
John 11:17-40; 43-45

Marilyn Winsor

Anthem

“Hymn of Promise”
(Natalie Sleeth)

Chancel Choir

Sermon

At the End of Hope

Rev. Kathleen Remund

Transitional Music

“Were You There?”

Evelyn Rohrbach

Prayers of the People**Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father/Mother/Creator 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.

Offering/Offertory

“Who is This King”
(arr. L. Larson)

Evelyn Rohrbach

***Doxology (in unison)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all people here below;
Praise God above you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication (in unison)**

O God, you bless us with the gift of life and all the wonders life makes possible. In gratitude and thanks, we return to you this portion of our labors. We ask you to use these gifts to bless the lives we touch with the assurance of love, the promise of hope, and a commitment to justice. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

“Sing Praise to God”

See attached

***Benediction**

Leader: Go forth, my friends, and know that we are always invited to return to God, the Breath of life. When the pain becomes too much, when you feel you can’t go on, remember that God is always as close as breath. There is no place so far away that we cannot turn back to our Source and receive the gift of new life. The way home awaits us, always.

All: Amen.

*Sung Benediction

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Re-tur-n to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mer-cy: come seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.'

Postlude

“O Mensch, between dein Sunde gross”
(J.S. Bach)

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The flowers today are from Naomi Cummings in loving memory of her daughter Alysha and in memory of Judy Heumann, who recently passed away and who dedicated her life to working for the rights of folks with disabilities.

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This Week:

Today	Budget Hearing following the serice
March 29	4:00PM, Kids Club, RM 2 5:30PM, Chancel Choir rehearsal 6:30PM, Bell Choir rehearsal
March 30	5:00PM, Personnel Committee, RM 1

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Edwin Hatch, 1886

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Robert Jackson, 1894

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly Thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,

That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.
Un - til with Thee I will one will, To do and to en - dure.
Un - til this earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.
But live with Thee the per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.*

Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

Ps. 68:4, 32; Ps. 105

Joachim Neander, 1680

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993

1 Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -
 2 Praise God, our guard - ian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -
 3 Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -
 4 Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com -

a - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -
 rec - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from
 cess - es. Mer - ci - ful God ev - er loves to en -
 mend - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their

plete ad - o - ra - tion! Glad - some re - joi - ce— or - gan and
 sin - ful de - jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are
 cour - age and bless us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly
 notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er

trum - pet and voice— join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - tion.
 al - ways pre - served by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - tion?
 strength can a - chieve: strength that would touch and car - ess us.
 keep this in sight: a - men, a - men nev - er end - ing.

Joachim Neander was a dedicated, caring pastor of the Reformed Church in Düsseldorf, Germany. This was the most familiar of his fifty-six hymn texts, which were published along

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.
 Erneuereten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665
 Adapt. and harm. William S. Bennett, 1863

