



**March 29, 2020**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Worship from Home**

**Prelude**

Softly and Tenderly

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**Greeting**

**Responsive Call to Worship (L, All)** *(based on Ezekiel 37: 1-14, John 11: 1-45)*

The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?  
**O God, you know!**

**We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?**  
O God, you know!

The gift is sure and unmistakable:  
**God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls!**

Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,  
**And come to worship God in laughter and dancing!**

**Song** (adapted)

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

SPIRITUAL

He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the little tiny baby in His hands  
He's got the weary mama in His hands  
He's got the worried papa in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands

**Unison Prayer of Confession** *(Inspired by Ezekiel 37:1-14 and other selected texts)*

**You call us to be your voices in this world  
and we stay silent.**

**You call us to be your hands in this world  
and we keep them hidden.**

**You call us to be your feet in this world  
and we go our own way.**

**When we meet those who are doubting  
and say nothing, forgive us.**

**When we meet those who need your touch  
and do nothing, forgive us.**

**When we are called to take up your cross  
and carry nothing, forgive us.**

**Breathe life into these bones  
bring freedom to these lives  
that we might declare  
with heart and soul and voice  
that you are our Lord and our God. Amen.**

*Pause for silent reflection*

**Responsive Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

God, who always listens to us, hears our prayers.  
God breathes new life into us and calls us forward to resurrection.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading:** Ezekiel 37:1-14

**Solo** Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land SPIRITUAL

**A Word for the Children: Wake Up!** (John 11:1-45)

**A Word from the Pastor** Blame Game Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

**Solo** In the Bulb There is a Flower PROMISE

**Responsive Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

For those whose lives are broken by distress  
**May the God of healing restore you**

For those whose lives are broken by fear  
**May the God of healing restore you**

For those whose lives are broken by anger  
**May the God of healing restore you**

For those whose lives are broken by pain  
**May the God of healing restore you**

For those whose lives are broken by illness  
**May the God of healing restore you**

For those whose lives are broken by sin  
**May the God of healing restore you**

God of healing  
gently touch these lives  
with your Spirit

Bring warmth and comfort  
life and wholeness  
restoration  
into fractured lives  
and souls  
and make us bold to pray as Jesus did:

**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 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.**

**Song** He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got you and me brother in His hands  
He's got you and me sister in His hands  
He's got everybody here in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands

**A Visual Benediction** Mary Anoints Jesus The Work of the People

**Postlude** Everything's Alright Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice  
From "Jesus Christ Superstar"

**Worship Notes:**

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