

*FUMC San Benito 4<sup>th</sup> Core Belief:*

*A church that is humble in our victories and honest in our failures, struggles and doubts. We will be truthful with each other and with God.*



# Dry Bones and New Life

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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# *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

*March 22, 2026 - 10:30 a.m.*

## *Welcome All!*

*We are pleased that you are worshipping with us either  
on Face book Live or in the Sanctuary.*

*\*Congregation, please stand if able*

### **PRELUDE**

**Tom Hoehn**

*Point to Ponder: What does my Valley of Dry Bones look like? Spirit  
of God come down and restore my soul.*

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Rudy Hyde**

**God of life and love, we invite you to breathe upon us in these moments, so that our parched and barren souls may be revived with your quickening Spirit. Bring to us now, as we wait upon you, your energy, your life and your strength so that we might do your will. Amen.**

### **\*SONG OF PRAISE**

**No 393**

*"Spirit of the Living God. Fall Afresh on Me"*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Rudy Hyde**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God. We are lost in a world of pain and suffering. When we put our hope in the things of this world, we suffer pain and find no real solution. Come to us, O God. Forgive our doubts and fears. Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Amen**

*A moment of silence with God for your personal prayer of confession.*

**Leader:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Rudy Hyde**

**followed by THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## YOUR GIVING MADE A DIFFERENCE

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:** Life-Giving Spirit, you breathe hope into our valleys of despair and call forth life where we saw only dry bones. We come today not out of habit, but out of longing to be part of your work that restores, renews, and redeems. Take these gifts and use them to roll away the stones that keep your people bound. Let them be signs of trust, symbols of resurrection, and tools of transformation in a weary world. May our offering, like our living, lean into your Spirit and testify that life—abundant, eternal, and holy—is possible in you. In Christ, who calls us out of the grave and into your grace, we pray. Amen

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Scripture for Month of March: James1:19*  
*You must understand this, my beloved: everyone must be quick to listen, slow to speak & slow to get angry*  
*James1:19*

### \*OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Bill Elliott

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

*Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the People of God*  
*People: Thanks be to God!*

### MESSAGE

Rudy Hyde

*"Beyond Nothingness"*

### \*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

No. 77

*"How Great Thou Art"*

### \*BENEDICTION

Pastor Melissa

Pastor: Our Lenten journey marches still onward.

**Leader: Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem, and we travel that road with him.**

Pastor: There are no faithful detours, nor can we rush to the end of the story.

**People: But in this time of Lent, we can live, and move, and have our being, in a God who assures us: “I am going to open the graves, and you shall know I am the Lord.”**

Pastor: Let us depart in hope and confidence that, although the wilderness of Lent stretches still before us, God’s promises go with us, today and always..

**People: Submit to God and God will bring the best out of you.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Tom Hoehn**



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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