

Confession and Assurance – Waiting for Life

Leader: God, we confess that when we look into the valleys of our lives,
we are tempted to fix our gaze on the remnants of our past.
We see the dry bones, and we doubt in our minds—
“Will these bones ever live?”

**People: But in the midst of our doubt,
we proclaim that you are the life-giving Spirit.
You breathe new life into all that is dead.**

Reader 1: For you, O God, raised up the dry bones in the valley.

Reader 2: Your Son, Jesus, brought Lazarus out from the tomb,

Reader 3: and your Spirit lifted anew the hearts of the disciples.

Leader: Teach us, O Lord, to wait for your breath.

*All: Blow your mighty wind
into the hollow chambers of our hearts,
that we may never settle for death
but rise again as your beloved people.*

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God, holy Breath,

All: restore us.

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you, once more.
Our whole selves waited for you, O Lord,
and you answered us.
In you there is unfailing love and full redemption.
You redeem us from all our sins. Amen.

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