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Can These Bones Live?

July 19th 2026 | 8th Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are able
(words to hymns can be seen on the screen
or hymnal books)

Welcome and Announcements

Trinity Chimes

Prelude *Prelude (from Festival Suite)*
Joseph Roff

***Call to Worship**

One: We gather together, awaiting a word of goodness, a breath of fresh air.

All: For we carry the weight of the world, the worries of now, questions without answers.

One: And God breathes into us the Spirit of life renewed.

All: So that we can release what we carry and rise to the possibilities of this present moment!

***Hymn of Praise**

LANCASHIRE

2234 Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

1. Lead on, O cloud of Presence,
the exodus is come, in wilderness and desert
our tribe shall make its home.

Our slavery left behind us,
new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise
where milk and honey flow.

2. Lead on, O fiery Pillar,
we follow yet with fears,
But we shall come rejoicing
though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wondering,
for by your light we come,
and we are still God' people.
The journey is our home.

3. Lead on, O God of freedom,
and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise
through struggle and delay.
We pray our sons and daughters
may journey to that land
Where justice dwells with mercy,
and love is law's demand.

Opening Prayer

Patient Gardener of our lives, you see this world as it truly is, all the sorrows and struggles, our headlines and heartaches. As we gather, steady and settle us. Where the news of the day overwhelms us, root us in your presence. Where we are uncertain and struggling, sustain us with your grace and promise. Where the world feels beyond hope or help, remind us that you are the Patient Gardener who never gives up. Remind our weary bones that we are your people, planted by your hand, awaiting your breath. Amen.

Responsive Reading Psalm 139:1-2, 23-24

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my thoughts;

**and see if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Hymn of Preparation 2236 *Gather Us In*
GATHER US IN

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in - the blind and the strong;
Gather us in - the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young - our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old - who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in - the blind and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;

Gather us in - all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 37:7-10

Gospel Lesson Luke 13:1-9

Sermon Can these bones live? The haunting
present. Rev. Beth Rambikur

Music of Response

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not
loved you with our whole heart. We have failed
to be an obedient church. We have not done
your will, we have broken your law, we have
not loved our neighbors, and we have not
heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we
pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the Good News, Christ is among us
renewing us for life with love. In the name of
Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Christ, you are
forgiven!**

All: Glory to God, Amen.

The 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 forever. Amen

***Passing of the Peace**

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Cantabile (from Festival Suite)*

Joseph Roff

***Doxology 94** LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Offertory Prayer**

Sending Hymn 378 *Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;

Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,

I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me

safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

6. When we've been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to

sing God's praise. Than when we'd first begun.

***Benediction 2166 *Christ Beside Me* vs.1 & 2**

BUNESSAN

1. Christ beside us, Christ before us,

Christ behind us, King of our heart;

Christ within us, Christ below us,

Christ above us never to part.

2. Christ on our right hand, Christ on our left

hand, Christ all around us shield in the strife;

Christ in our sleeping, Christ in our sitting,

Christ in our rising light of our life.

Postlude *Toccata (from Festival Suite)*

Joseph Roff

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““Lead On, O Cloud of Presence”

Word: Ruth Duck (Exod. 13:21-22)

“Gather Us In”

Words: Marty Haugen (Matt. 5:13)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, adapt by Gilbert H. Vierira, 1978

“Amazing Grace”

Words: John Newton, 1779; st. 6 anon; phonetic trans. Cherokee, Kiowa, Creek, Choctaw as sung in Oklahoma Indian Missionary Confer; Navajo phonic trans. by Albert Tsosi (1Chr. 17:16-17)

“Christ Beside Me”

St Patrick’s Breastplate; adapt. By James Quinn

Words: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E Byrne, 1905, versed by Eleanor H Hull, 1912, alt.

If you have any questions, please call or email the office: 520.327.1116 office@ccumtucson.org.

Upcoming Events

August 9

5:30-8pm Highland Vista Pool

CCUM Pool Party

All are invited, and all ages

Contact Janet Waugaman