

BRESLAU MENNONITE CHURCH

Lent 5 - Sunday April 2, 2017

Restore us, O God! We breathe.



Worship Leader

Chorister

Accompanists

Duet

Readers

Lily HR

Eric HR

Lynne G, Randy B,

Al F, Paul H

Kristen B, Stacey V

David ES, Dorothy H

Maryanne S, Paul R

GATHERING IN FAITH AND WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Come. Bring your weary bones and your crushed souls.

Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Come. Bring your dashed hopes and broken dreams.

Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Come. Bring your heavy sorrow and lingering sadness.

Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.

Bring all that you have and all that you are.

The Spirit is here to breathe life into all that is lifeless.

Hymns

Breathe on me, breath of God #356 HWB

Nothing is lost on the breath of God #121 STS

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Giving Our First Fruit Offerings

Children's Offering: Children's School Project in Kenya

HEARING GOD'S STORY

Children's Story

Melanie F

Confession and Assurance

You are all we have #29 STJ

God, we confess that when we look in to 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?”

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.

For you, O God, raised up the dry bones in the valley. Your Son, Jesus,

brought Lazarus out from the tomb, and your Spirit lifted anew the hearts

of the disciples. Teach us, O Lord, to wait for your breath.

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.

SILENCE

God, Holy Breath, **restore us.**

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you, once more.

Our whole selves wait for you, O God, and you answer.

In you there is unfailing love and full redemption. Amen.

Scripture Psalm 130

From the depths of sin #136 HWB

Scripture

John 11:1-45

Sermon Consider the possibilities

Eleanor Epp-Stobbe

Hymn

I will come to you in the silence #49 STS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Moment in Mission

Service & Learn Youth Trip to Montreal

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Praying Together

Hymn

When peace, like a river #336 HWB

Benediction

Postlude

We welcome all to our church community.

**Following the worship time, you are invited to enjoy coffee,
juice, and conversation.**