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Order of Worship March 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent

## We Gather to Worship God

Welcome

Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song Prayer

#### We Listen to the Word

Sermon Series: ALIVE Sermon: "Part III. Promise"

#### We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

\*Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen\*







For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events, please visit tablelifechurch.org.

#### Doggy Bag-

#### Some questions to chew on:



- 1. Is there a time that you wish you could go back to? Why? What is the danger in trying to recreate or live in what was rather than what is?
- 2. After the Babylonians sieged Jerusalem, Israel felt like God had abandoned them, yet the Jewish people had violated God long before. Why did God allow Israel to be conquered? In what ways was that exile fruitful? In your own life, how has a time of facing consequences been fruitful?
- 3. Why did God take Ezekiel on a tour of the valley of dry bones first? What did the bones represent for Israel? For you?
- 4. Why must we take time to remember what/who died and to grieve?
- 5. What does it look like to prophesy TO the "dry bones" in our life? How have you experienced the power of the Word of God?
- 6. What difference does having God's Spirit make in our lives? Has there ever been a time in your life you looked all together but were empty inside?
- 7. Why is it important to recognize that the new life God brings WILL be different? What of the past do you need to let go and allow God to form in a new way?

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# ALIVE "Part III. Promise" Pastor Kris Beckert

Do you ever wish you could go back to a time prior to a poor decision or tragedy, season of life, or when someone you love was alive?

I. A Vision of Resurrection in the Bible: and the Valley of Dry					
•	Book of Ezekiel was written in 571 BC refugees who had been conquered				
•	They had been disobedient to				
II. C	God gives Ezekiel a vision of what is	to come:			
1.	. God takes him to the	valley			
zekie proug nidd and f he fle askec	el 37:1-3 The hand of the Lord was on me, ght me out by the Spirit of the Lord and selle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led forth among them, and I saw a great man bor of the valley, bones that were very dry d me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" ereign Lord, you alone know."	and he t me in the me back by bones on to 3 He			

• It is important to remember what died and to

the loss

2.	God tells him to	to the valley			
Ezekiel 37:4-6 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! <sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"					
1.	Who is to speak? God partne	ers with			
	How is he to speak? Not ABC and mountains (36:1) but What is he to speak? The	them			
	Lord				
And as sound, looked	37:7-8 So I prophesied as I was c I was prophesying, there was a and the bones came together, I, and tendons and flesh appear vered them, but there was no br	noise, a rattling bone to bone. <sup>8</sup> I ed on them and			

Ezekiel 37:9-10 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"

What is missing as the bones assemble?

3. God invites him to \_\_\_\_\_\_ to fill

the valley

<sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath
entered them; they came to life and stood up on their
feet—a vast army.

4.	God declares the	will be
	after the valley	

Ezekiel 37:11-14 Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"

Big Idea:			