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After Easter: A Journey to Pentecost
The Spirit's Power and Purpose

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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN
WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WELCOME OF GUEST

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PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

(Inspired by Ezekiel 37: 1-14, John 11: 1-45)

Liturgist: The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

Congregation: O God, you know!

Liturgist: We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?

Congregation: O God, you know!

Liturgist: The gift is sure and unmistakable:

Congregation: God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls!

Liturgist: Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,

Congregation: And come to worship God in laughter and dancing!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Revive Us Again (v. 1-4)

CEL #434

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Easter Affirmation

Liturgist

Your light is the only light we need as we travel through life's mystery. Word the only voice we hear that still small voice that leads us to the place where we should be. Your presence is the only company we need as we walk this narrow road. Your fellowship the warmth we crave to help us on our way. May the truth of Easter, the joy of Easter, and the blessings of Easter, be with us this day and all days...Amen

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 36:26-27

Liturgist

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*."

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

**Please stand as you are able.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father, sometimes we face hard things and life seems hopeless. Help us to remember the lesson of the dry bones. If you can make dry bones live again, through the power of your spirit, you can make something good out of the hard things in our life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

GOSPEL READING John 16:5-7 (NKJV)

Liturgist

" But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' ⁶ "But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

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MISSION MOMENT

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PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

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Prayer cards are on the information table. If you have a prayer that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out the card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect them during the hymn and pray over cards at the chancel rail.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

I Surrender All (v. 1 & 4)

CEL #596

PASTORAL PRAYER

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SERMON

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Theme: The Spirit's Power and Purpose

Main Idea: The Holy Spirit is not just power for mission but the very presence of God guiding, convicting, and equipping believers.

Old Testament: Ezekiel 36:26-27

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Most generous God: with thankful hearts we rejoice in your goodness towards us and in the many blessings that we receive each day. In love you provide for your people's needs, and you accompany us along the way. We give you our thanks for the physical gifts that sustain us and for the added blessings which make life more joyful and full. We are thankful for those who have been bountiful towards us, giving of their time, their skills and their love. As a token of our gladness, may we also bless others, being generous with all that you have bestowed.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings* UMH #95

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *Spirit of the Living God* (v. 1-3) CEL #389

*BENEDICTION Rev. Kerry Foote
It is not enough to acclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and King. Our mission in life is to make his kingdom a reality among us and to bring it to those around us by our words and deeds. The way to do this is to live as he lived: for others, in love and service. May almighty God bless you for this task: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and to give shape to his kingdom...and all of God's children said...Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Love and Fellowship* CEL #233

POSTLUDE



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