

Corner Brook United Church

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Monday – Thursday 10 am – 2 pm
We're able to receive bulletin info until **Wed. at 1 pm**

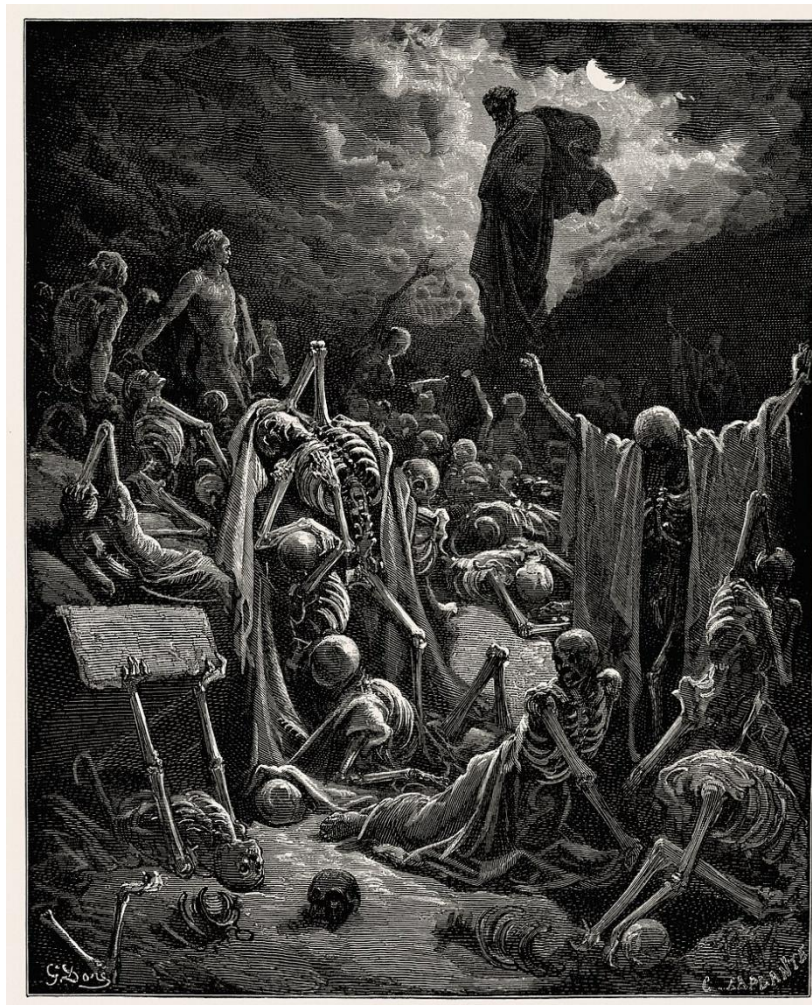
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Washrooms:
Upstairs: through the door to the right of the stage
Downstairs: the exit between the two coat racks

CBU strives to be a **scent free** facility.

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March 22, 2026 – Lent V



Engraving of the Valley of the Dry Bones, by Gustave Dore, 1832-1883

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Prelude

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 130)

L: I cry out to my God from the depths of my soul.

P: My Lord, listen to my voice! Pay attention to my request for mercy!

L: If you kept track of sins who would stand a chance?

P: But forgiveness is with you – that's why you are honoured.

L: My whole being hopes and waits for the fulfillment of God's promise...

P: ... more than the night watch waits for morning...yes, more than the night watch waits for morning!

Hymn: *Come Now, Almighty King* VU 108

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Presence

Reading: Psalm 137: 1 – 6

Anthem: *By the Babylonian Rivers* VU 859

Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14

Message: Something so preposterously improbable that only God could deliver on it

Hymn: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* VU 382

Offertory Hymn: *Love Divine...* VU 333 v.3

**Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise. AMEN**

Offertory Prayer

Gracious and loving God, help us to see and feel your presence in all of our lives.

By your Spirit help us to become truly grateful people – to share our blessings with others, and shine Christ's light into the world. AMEN.

Community Prayer / LORD's Prayer

Hymn: *As the Sun with Longer Journey* VU 111

Blessing

Postlude

A note on today's main text:

You don't need to be a Bible scholar to recognize that any word that's repeated multiple times must be important. The opening part of Ezekiel 37 contains notable repetitions of words.

The word '**etsem**, meaning '*bones*', is used 10 times in 14 only verses. **Hayah** means '*to live*', and is used 6 times.

But the most important word in Ezekiel 37 is **Ruah**, which is used 9 times. **Ruah** has two separate but related meanings. Depending on the context it can mean '*wind*', but it can also mean '*breath*' as in the spirit God implants in humans to give life.

In the creation story **Ruah** is used in both ways, as "*God's wind swept over the waters*" (Genesis 1: 2); and also in the spirit sense: "*God blew life's breath into his nostrils and the human came to life.*" (Genesis 2: 7)

Ezekiel 37 also plays with the meaning of **Ruah** from both angles.

Memorials

Bulletin: In loving memory of father and grandfather, Harold Pretty by Calvin, Sandra, Michael and Alison

Local: In loving memory of Marilyn Avery by Judy May

Local: In loving memory of Austin Hayes by Jeff & Emeline Follett

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