

# STONE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

March 26, 2023

## Seeking: Can These Bones Lives?

*"To be quite honest, very few things feel more ridiculous than hope these days."*

~Rev. Danielle Shroyer

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* Irish Melody/  
Loren and Donna Rhodes arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME Pastor Ben

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

**All: Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?**

One: Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

**All: Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?**

One: If you have, then you are in the right place.

**All: For in this place there is rest, there is hope.**

One: In this place new light streams and new life is nurtured.

**All: In this place, God is here.**

*SONG	<i>Here in this Place</i> <sup>^</sup>	6
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TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Jay Hosler

## RECOGNITION: It's a Small World Book Project Check Out Challenge

\*SONG *Be Thou My Vison*<sup>^</sup> 545, vs 1,4,5

SCRIPTURE READING      Ezekiel 37:1-14      Bekah Ford

## PRAYING IN COMMUNITY

SHARING Pastor Ben

MUSICAL	<i>Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole</i>	Mark Friedman/
REFLECTION	Loren and Donna Rhodes	arr. Janet Vogt

PRAYER Pastor Ben

SONG                      *Within Our Darkest Night*<sup>^</sup>                      Berthier

Within our darkest night,  
You kindle the fire that never dies away,  
Never dies away.

SCRIPTURE John 11:30-44 Bekah Ford

MESSAGE                      Ridiculous Hope                      Pastor Cindy

ANTHEM *I Believe*<sup>^</sup> Mark A. Miller

EPILOGUE Pastor Cindy

*SONG	<i>Beyond a Dying Sun</i> <sup>^</sup>	323
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\*SENDING POEM      *Blackout Poem on John 11*      Pastor Cindy  
By Lauren Seganos Cohen

## \*REPRISE *Beyond a Dying Sun*<sup>^</sup> 323 (Chorus only)

*POSTLUDE	<i>Festive Postlude</i>	Louri Grichetchkine
	Loren Rhodes	

\*Please Rise, as Able, in Body or Spirit

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### Attendance Form:





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honest questions  
for deeper faith

## Holy Week Activities

### Palm Sunday Worship

April 2 at 10:45am in the Sanctuary and over Zoom

*Pancake Brunch immediately following worship*

### Maundy Thursday Love Feast

April 6 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall and over Zoom

### Huntingdon Forum of Churches Good Friday Service

April 7 Noon-3:00pm beginning at The Abbey Church

*The walking route and list of preachers to be shared in Friday Flash*

### Easter Sunrise Service

April 9 at 6:23am at the Peace Chapel

### Easter Morning Worship

April 9 at 10:45am in the Sanctuary and over Zoom

## Blackout Poem on John 11

By Lauren Seganos Cohen

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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### blackout poetry

Below is a creative retelling of John 11:1-45, written by Rev. Anna Strickland. As you read the story, use a black marker or pen to underline or circle the words and phrases that speak to you. Then, blackout the rest of the words on the page. From the words that remain, you may find that a new message, poem, or image emerges. Visit this link to view examples of blackout poetry: [pinterest.com/sanctifiedart/blackout-poetry-ideas](https://pinterest.com/sanctifiedart/blackout-poetry-ideas)

Jesus was on his way to the town of Bethany, where his friends lived. He was traveling to Bethany because he heard that his friend Lazarus had died after being sick. Lazarus's sisters, Mary and Martha, had buried Lazarus in a tomb four days ago. When they heard that Jesus was on his way to see them, Mary and Martha went to meet Jesus. They were very sad because their brother had died. They told Jesus, "If you had been here, Lazarus would not have died. You could have saved him! We know you are the Messiah, and you can work miracles." Jesus told them, "Your brother will live again." But they did not understand what he meant. They thought he was talking about life in heaven. Jesus was very sad and began to cry. He asked Mary and Martha to take him to the tomb where they had buried their brother. Mary and Martha took Jesus to the tomb to see Lazarus. When they got to the tomb, Jesus called to his friend who had died, "Lazarus, come out!" And Lazarus came out of the tomb. Since he was still wrapped in burial linens, Jesus told them to take the linens off so he could be free.



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5th Sunday in Lent / Year A

**MAIN IDEA:** It's okay to feel big feelings.



## SCRIPTURE SUMMARY

**John 11:1-45**

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## "Unbind Him"

by Hannah Garrity, inspired by today's gospel text, John 11:1-45



# seeking in images

flip to the cover artwork & take a closer look!

**Imagine you are in the artwork. Where would you be? Why?**

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**What emotions did you notice in this story? What were Mary and Martha feeling when Jesus arrived? What was Jesus feeling? What do you think Lazarus felt when he was raised?**

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## water

The Seeking logo was designed by Lauren Wright Pittman. Do you see the drop of water? In the text for today, the water droplet represents Jesus' tears as he cries, mourning for Lazarus. **Color the water in the graphic above.**