

Order of Worship – July 10, 2022

Prelude Laura Murach

Welcome Deacon

Call to Worship Deacon

Let us worship God.

We wait for the LORD,

Our soul waits, and in God's word we do hope;

**our soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.** Psalm 1, 30: 5-6 (adapted)

***Gathering Hymn** *Breathe on Me Breath of God* NCH 292

Deacons will Collect Joy and Concern Cards at this time.

Scripture Deacon

As we hear the words of scripture,

Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-4, "The Valley of Dry Bones"

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The grass withers and the flower fades,

But the Word of God shall stand forever.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

Sermon Message "Can These Bones Live?" Rev. Kent Siladi

Special Music *The Word of God* Jill Ford, soloist

Prayers of the People for the World Rev. Kent Siladi

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayers.

Lord's Prayer Rev. Kent Siladi

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NCH 391

There are a thousand ways to live into our commitment to this community, as our benediction reminds us. If you're able to make a donation, there's a collection plate when you leave the sanctuary. If you are not, your presence here is a gift in and of itself—thank you for being a part of us today.

Deacon

***Benediction: Charge and Blessing**

Rev. Kent Siladi

**Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honor all people; love and serve God;
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen**

***Parting Song God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again (modified)**

God be with You till we meet again.
By God's counsels guide, uphold you.
God will place arms all around you.
God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Ezekial Saw De Wheel

video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7i_xAadGgU

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition Ezekiel 37:1-4

The Valley of Dry Bones

37 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath^[a] to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath^[b] in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in

them.⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath:^[c] Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath,^[d] and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people.¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

Brief Bio

Rev. Kent Siladi is the Director of Philanthropy for the United Church of Christ. He works with a team to cultivate generosity to sustain the mission and ministry of the national setting.

Rev. Siladi has served in the Conference setting in Connecticut and Florida. He was instrumental in the formation of the new Southern New England Conference. Prior to his Conference work he served two local churches in CT.

Rev. Siladi is a graduate of Nasson College and Yale Divinity School. He lives in Stamford.