

## Nurture Hour

Sunday school begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m. First enjoy a time of fellowship after the worship service.

- INFANTS & TODDLERS (ages 0-2) – Cherub corner
- PRESCHOOL I (age 3) – Joyful class
- PRESCHOOL II (age 4) – Forgiveness class
- PRIMARY (grade K-2) – Peaceful class
- MIDDLE (grade 3-5) – Gentleness class
- JUNIOR YOUTH – JYF (grades 5-7) – off Jubilee Hall
- HIGH SCHOOL – MYF (grades 8-12) – off Jubilee Hall
- COLLEGE – Library
- YOUNG ADULT - off Jubilee Hall
- ADULTS
  - Better than a Donut - end of hallway
  - New Life Stage (for people in their 30's and 40's) - sanctuary
  - Colossian Forum (closed group) – Dan's office
  - Sermon Response - between Jubilee hall and Marilyn's office
  - Women's Bible Study – music room
  - Wrestling with Our National Reality - sanctuary

*If you are visiting, be sure to sign up for our weekly email newsletter!  
[www.berkeyavenue.org/newsletter](http://www.berkeyavenue.org/newsletter)*



## Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship

Ministers: Marilyn Rudy-Froese, Dan Schrock

Phone: (574) 534-2398

E-mail: [office@berkeyavenue.org](mailto:office@berkeyavenue.org)

[www.berkeyavenue.org](http://www.berkeyavenue.org)

[www.facebook.com/berkeyavenue](http://www.facebook.com/berkeyavenue)

April 2, 2017

## Lent 5: Restore us, O God! We breathe.

**Focus statement:** When we come to the end of our own human strength, vitality, and purpose, we recognize the reality of death in and around us. God, who is Spirit, breathes life into us, revealing God's glory and purpose. We, and the community, are restored.

### Gathering for Worship

#### Songs

*Jesus, be the center*

purple, 31

*God, fill me now*

purple, 63

*Holy Spirit, come with power*

blue, 26

#### Call to Worship

Leader: Come. Bring your weary bones and your crushed souls.

**All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.**

Leader: Come. Bring your dashed hopes and broken dreams.

**All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.**

Leader: Come. Bring your heavy sorrow and lingering sadness.

**All: Now is the time to worship the life-giving Spirit.**

Leader: Bring all you that you have and all that you are.

The Spirit is here to breathe life into all that is lifeless.

### Hearing God's Word

Song: *Will the Children?*

insert

Children's Time

Merrill Krabill

Offering

Offertory

Women's Choir

*You are all we have*, arr. by Greg Smucker

*Send, Lord send* (based on Isaiah 6:1-3), by Greg Smucker

## Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: God, we confess that when we look into the valleys of our lives, we are tempted to fix our gaze on the remnants of our past. We see the dry bones, and we doubt in our minds—"Will these bones ever live?"

**People: But in the midst of our doubt,  
we proclaim that you are the life-giving Spirit.  
You breathe new life into all that is dead.**

Reader 1: For you, O God, raised up the dry bones in the valley.

Reader 2: Your Son, Jesus, brought Lazarus out from the tomb,

Reader 3: and your Spirit lifted anew the hearts of the disciples.

Leader: Teach us, O Lord, to wait for your breath.

**All: Blow your mighty wind into the hollow chambers of our hearts, that we may never settle for death but rise again as your beloved people.**

*(Pause for silent confession.)*

Leader: God, holy Breath,

**All: restore us.**

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you, once more. Our whole selves waited for you, O Lord, and you answered us. In you there is unfailing love and full redemption. You redeem us from all our sins. Amen.

Song: *Like a tender breath, stirring* purple, 106

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-10

Sermon: "Breathe the Breath" Dan Schrock

## Responding

Ritual of centering/breath prayer

Song: *Breathe on me, breath of God* blue, 356

Congregational Sharing and Prayer Doug Baker

## Transition to Fellowship and Sunday School

Welcome & Introduction of Visitors

*(Please pass the friendship registers.)*

Announcements

Song: *Nothing is lost on the breath of God* purple, 121

Sending Words:

*Go, breathing deeply of the Spirit who inspires life into all that is lifeless. Go enlivened, invigorated, refreshed. Amen.*

---

## Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Margaret Stoltzfus

Song Leader: Deb Detwiler Brubaker

Musicians: Krysta Hawkley, Vince Kurtz

Ushers: Ron and Lori Good

AV Operator: Phil Bauman

Visuals: Merrill Krabill

*Hearing assistance devices are available in the room beside the doors to the sanctuary. Please see the A/V operator if you would like one.*

*We offer childcare during worship after children's time for infants & toddlers. Children under 2 years of age may go to the Cherub Corner room, while 2 and 3 year olds may go to the MYF room.*

Infant Care: Missy Schrock, Anita and Dale Snyder

Toddler Care: Ruth Hathaway, Stephanie Wieand, Jenny Yoder