



Ezekiel: The Prophet to the Exiled
Ezekiel 37:1-14 – Mother's Day

May 9, 2021

Characters
Rev. Dr. Jim Glatz

Prelude

"The Gift of Love" arr. Joel Raney
Piano/Organ Duet

Mother's Day Video

Celebration of Community

Hello Everybody! Welcome to in person and online worship here at Saxe Gotha. We're glad you're here to join in!

- Special day - Mother's Day. Would all the Mothers stand please?

For those here in person, we want to remind you to keep your masks on during the service to keep everyone healthy.

- We especially want to welcome our visitors today. Please fill out our online Visitor Form so that we can connect with you: saxegotha.org/visit-us. There are also visitors cards in the pew racks please fill those out and leave in the baskets at the end of the service

- Next Sunday is Women's Sunday. Please join us as we celebrate Women of all ages during the 8:30 am Traditional Service.

- Beginning June 6, all 3 services will be back! 8:30 am Traditional in the Sanctuary, 10:45 am Contemporary in the Light House and 11:00 am Traditional in the Sanctuary.

- Family Vacation Bible School will be held in the evening, June 28- July 1. Please register: saxegotha.org/summer.

We Gather to Worship

Music of Preparation (Video)

Children's Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: Coming from places that have seen better days,

People: God invites us to celebrate this day, a day full of new possibilities.

Leader: Coming with our breath taken away by sin, sorrow and pain,

People: the Holy Spirit breathes new life within us, renewing our connection with God and with one another.

Leader: Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,

People: Christ speaks his Word and gives us an abundant life for obedient service.

Opening Hymn

#63 "All creatures of our God and King"

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we live among a people who choose the ways of death over life. We confess that we have allowed these sinful ways to creep into our own lives. We have turned from you to pursue the desires of our corrupted hearts. Self-indulgence, gossip, greed, and envy have marred our lives. Speak your Word to us afresh and breathe new life in us by your Spirit so that we may live the life that you have designed for us to live. Bless us with a repentant heart that truly loves you and others. For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

From Ezekiel 36:26; 2 Corinthians 1:20

The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes." Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

Gloria Patri

Children's Message (Video)

Baptism

Peyton Raines

Passing of the Peace

Offertory Hymn

#453 "Happy our home, When God is There"

Offertory Prayer

Anthem(VIDEO)

"Let me walk you home"

We Hear God's Word

Message

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We Respond to God's Word

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Invitation and Benediction

Closing Hymn

#430 "There shall be showers of blessing" (from Ezekiel 34:26)

Postlude

"Jubilation" arr. Jason Payne
Organ

Announcement:

Peyton Allen Raines, son of Russell & Sarah Raines, will be baptized today during the 8:30 am Traditional Service.