

God's New Life

Affirmation of Faith

Into the silence of the void our Creator spoke, bringing life.
The Cosmic Christ and the Holy Spirit hovered over the waters—

matter from nothing,
flesh from dust,
life from lifelessness.

We believe Jesus can bring life out of nothing,
but three days is a long time to wait.

Jesus, in our waiting for new life, give us hope.

Show us your resurrection power that we may fully believe.

Benediction

“Come out!” Jesus cries, calling us from our tombs
into a world full of grace and possibility.

“Go out!” Jesus commands, calling us into the world
to live as God's resurrected people.

Text for today: “To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on *the Spirit is life and peace*. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you” (Romans 8:6-11, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11 (6); John 11:1-45.