



“INCLUSIVE, INSPIRING WORSHIP IN BEAUTIFUL SACRED SPACE”



May 23, 2021

“How Does The Spirit Land With You?”

We Gather in Love

Gathering Music

You are invited to greet those around you or to sit quietly and reflectively prior to the beginning of the service.

Ringing of the Bell

Signifies the beginning of the service

Prelude

“Come, Share the Spirit”

Vicki Vogel

Sharon Neuenfeldt, Worship Accompanist

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll

***Gathering Prayer**

Loving God, open our hearts, so that we may feel the breath and play of your Spirit. Unclench our hands, so that we may reach out to one another and touch and be healed. Open our lips, that we may drink in the delight and wonder of life. Unclog our eyes, so that we may see Christ in friend and stranger. Breathe your Spirit into us and touch our lives with the life of Christ. Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

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Cheri Schwartz, vocalist

We Acknowledge Our Humanness and God’s Grace

***Prayer of Longing**

Pastor: Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams and new hopes, new life in Jesus Christ.

All: **Forgive us our closed eyes, which fail to see the need of your world and opportunities for service and love.**

Pastor: Forgive our closed hands, which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our use alone.

All: **Forgive us our closed hearts, which limit our affections to ourselves and our own.**

**Sitting or standing*

Pastor: Spirit of new life, forgive us and break down the walls of our selfishness,

All: That we might be open to your love for us, and open for service in your world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please continue in silent prayer and mindful breathing

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day - long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as God in Christ they praised.
on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
O give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

***Prayer Hymn**

“Spirit of the Living God”

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Sing twice

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

***Assurance of Grace & Invitation to Pass the Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

We Proclaim God's Love

A Time with Young People

Pastor Clare invites children forward to gather with her (socially distanced)

Blessing One Another

Children: God be with you

All: And also with you

*Children may follow leaders to Children's Activity
or remain with their families in worship.*

Scriptures

Acts 2:1-17, Romans 8:22-27
NRSV

Carol Dusbabek

Morning Message

“How Does the Spirit Land with You?”

Hymn

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

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We Respond To God's Love

Prayers of the People

*You are invited to speak a brief prayer for yourself, another, or a part of the world.
Raise your hand or stand and project your brief joy or concern as loudly as possible.
Pastor Clare will follow your prayer with the words, “God, in your love...”*

One: God, in your love,

All: Hear our prayer

**Sitting or standing*

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Refrain

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D *Last time, end*

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."
 ets to o - pen their eyes.
 ple on the rush of the wind.
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

*Sitting or standing

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father and our Mother, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

“Holy Spirit, Truth Devine”

Gottschalk

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication

O God, on this day of Pentecost we celebrate your Spirit so freely given and so powerfully active within your church. As that Spirit continues to move in our midst, may it inspire us toward generosity and ignite our energy to serve you well. We ask this in the name of Christ, whose promise of ever-presence the Spirit fulfills. Amen.

We Go Forth to Share God's Love

*Closing Hymn

“Every Time I Hear the Spirit”

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**Sitting or standing*

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

Last time, end

in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and

spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

to Refrain

round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

***Singing**

“Happy Birthday”

***Benediction**

***Sung Response**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

By Jill Jackson-Miller & Sy Miller

**Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as creator, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev’ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.**

***Postlude**

“Your Word of Peace”

Hopkins

Bring your creatures, great and small, to the

Blessing of the



**Blessing of the Animals
June 4-5, during the Bayport
City-Wide Garage Sale**

Our congregation
will be visibly present on our lawn
during the city-wide garage sale!
Pastor Clare will have a simple
written guide with words of blessing
and a prayer for well-being that you can offer if you sign up to assist.

We will bless animals on Friday (9am-5pm) and Saturday (8:30-10:00am).

Please contact Clare to sign up to join her with your lawn chair
(pastor@peoplescongregational.org, 651-600-6409). You can join her in
offering blessings to animals or simply offer greetings to human passersby.
All are welcome to join us on the lawn throughout the event! Pastor Clare
would appreciate a minimum of one companion throughout.

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold these joys and concerns in your prayers:

- Emily Wulff, celebrating hard work and success in her MBA program.
- Mike Bjork's friend Mark, who lost his wife Kelsey unexpectedly - for comfort and peace for Mark and his entire Schroeder and Spatz family.
- Sam Gromoll, gratitude for successful endoscopy and colonoscopy procedures on Wednesday and hope for biopsies to provide answers related to constipation and vomiting.
- Barb Hilliard, for relief from her chronic pain due to post-polio syndrome.
- "We fervently pray for our Palestinian partners and for the people too long suffering under occupation and fear, and that a peace with justice will prevail, and we commit to continue to oppose the injustices that we see." (from Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church Disciples of Christ, full statement linked in the Mid-Week)
- As people demand accountability for the killing of Daunte Wright and elected leaders consider legislative police reform, may we all work to build an antiracist society.
- We celebrated both Walter Vandre's 3rd birthday and Bob and Kathy Iverson's 49th wedding anniversary on Thursday and look forward to celebrating the birthday's of Jill Greenhalgh on Thursday, Edith Stokes (who will be one) on Friday and Bob Iverson on Saturday.

*Sitting or standing

We Honor You On...

GRADUATE SUNDAY

*Congratulations
Graduates*



On Sunday, June 6, we will celebrate all graduates. If someone in your family is graduating from middle school, high school, or a post-secondary degree or certificate program, please send details to Kimberly Jackson (office@peoplescongregational.org). Who is graduating, from what institution, with what degree or certificate, with what plans for next steps after graduation?

Thank you for all who made today wonderful: Pastor Clare, Sharon Neuenfeldt and Cheri Schwartz (beautiful music), Carol Dusbabek (lay reading), Claire Spilseth, Sue Favilla, and Carol Dusbabek (children's activity) and Mike Bjork, Rolf Dittmann, Paul Spilseth, Mark Stephan, and Kimberly Jackson (tech team).



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