Order for the Worship of God
May 31, 2020
Day of Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Leader: Remember the promise of the Lord:
All: God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.
Leader: The Spirit helps us in our weakness,
All: interceding with sighs too deep for words.
Leader: The Spirit of God renews the earth.
All: Bless the name of the Lord!

OPENING VOLUNTARY                        “Tongues of Fire”                                                Alfred V. Fedak
(Pentecost Dance)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #280                              “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”                              EBENEZER

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission that God’s love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yester years;
for tomorrow’s unknown pathway, hear, O Lord our humble prayers.
In the church’s pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

CALL TO CONFESSION                              Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Holy God, we know that your Spirit blows where it will, yet we confess that we sometimes try to
hold back its force. We admit that we are more comfortable with that which we can control and
predict. We are always prone to focus too much on ourselves, zealous for our private hopes and
fears, living as though we were alone in the universe. Open us up again to your Holy Spirit, even
when it is unexpected and discomforting, leading us sometimes where we did not plan to go. In
Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM                                             “Spirit, Open My Heart”                                           Alfred V. Fedak
(recorded at the 11:00 service, November 19, 2017

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.
God, replace my stony heart with a heart that’s kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought and word and deed, may my living bring you glory.

May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #288
“Spirit of the Living God”
LIVING GOD
(sing twice)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS
John 20:22 (NRSV)
Acts 2:1-4 (NRSV)

SERMON
“The Rebirth of the Church:
Learning to Breathe and Be Together Again!”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #286
“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”
TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.
BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY       “Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers”       Alfred V. Fedak

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director
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