



JUNE 3-4, 2023

1ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Eternal God, Consuming Fire, you continue to bless us with your Spirit. As Jesus did for the disciples, breathe in us your word, your love, your truth. Open our hearts to receive your Spirit. And fill us with trust to live your uncontainable word of love in a broken and uncertain world. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ *The question is not, “Is God leading?” but rather “Are we following?” -Anonymous*
- ❖ *Let us open the doors to the Spirit, let ourselves be guided by the Spirit, and allow God's constant help to make us new people, inspired by the love of God which the Holy Spirit bestows on us! How beautiful it would be if each of you, every evening, could say: Today at school, at home, at work, guided by God, I showed a sign of love towards one of my friends, my parents, an older person! How beautiful!*
- Pope Francis

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We are pilgrims on a journey.

People: Some of us have traveled familiar roads throughout our lives.

Leader: We are pilgrims on a journey.

People: Some of us are ready to deviate from the safety of the well-marked highways and byways.

Leader: We are pilgrims on a journey.

People: Help us to move forward from wherever we are, to leave the comfort of familiarity in order to travel to the lands where you are calling us to go.

Leader: We are pilgrims on a journey.

People: But we never journey alone.

PRAISE SONG: *Spirit of Gentleness (music at end of bulletin)*

THE CONFESSION:

All: **We confess, O God that we have asked for a more tangible awareness of your Spirit. You have heard our request and responded, giving us exactly what we have longed to experience. But when your Spirit arrives in our life, we become afraid. We are not quite ready to let go — not quite prepared to give you the reins over our lives or our church. We confess that we would rather maintain our illusion of control, believing that we know what is best. Forgive us, God. Forgive us for failing to let go and to let your Spirit lead. Forgive us for not allowing ourselves to be carried by the Spirit to the places you are calling us to go. Forgive us, God. Free us for the joyful obedience that is possible when your Spirit is guiding our tongues, our hands, our hearts, our minds and our feet. Amen.**

Leader: Jesus says, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” In the name of Jesus Christ, you who have confessed your sins with your lips and believed with your hearts, are forgiven.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: *Send Down the Fire (music at end of bulletin)*

THE READINGS

THE LESSON: **Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave

us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

Acts 16:6-15

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, ‘If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.’ And she prevailed upon us.

MESSAGE: “Grounded in Faith, Open to the Holy Spirit” - Pastor David Schoob

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE: On the Edge of Tomorrow (v. 1, 3, 4)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT:

Leader: Flames of Holy Fire, send us forth with passion and zeal for kingdom living, in large ways and in small. The blessing of the Holy Trinity is yours, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG: Send Us Out (music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

OUR Welcome IS WIDE OPEN

Skeptic. Cynic. Certain. Believer. Confident. Fearful. Doubter. Seeker. Questioner.
Latino. Black. Asian. White. Indigenous. Immigrant. Any combination of ethnic or
racial identities. Female. Male. Straight. Gay. Bisexual. Transgender. Questioning.
Rich. Poor. Middle-class. Barely making it. Able bodied. Specially abled. Disabled.
Young. Old. In-between. Married. Single. Divorced. Awaiting trial. Served time.
On probation. Tired. Worn. Hopeful. Employed. Unemployed. Workaholic. Slacker.
Anxious. Depressed. Confused. Centered. Inked. Pierced. Both. Life long follower
of Jesus. Regular attendee. Occasional attendee. Curious onlooker. Don't quite fit the box.
Need a prayer right now. **Trinity is a faith community where we believe
in God's love, grace and mercy—illustrated most clearly through Jesus
Christ. We believe we are all children of God, created in God's image
and equal in God's sight. We believe God loves us just as we are and
way too much to let us stay this way. We are called to live in God's light
and be transformed, not through judgment but through unconditional love.
We believe God's love is all-inclusive and is stronger than the pressure
to be perfect regardless of whatever labels we carry. Saint. Sinner. Democrat.
Republican. Independent. Libertarian. Green. Socialist. Apolitical. Addicted. Recovering.**
We don't care what religion or denomination you are. We are all Human. We are all Flawed.
We are all Beloved. —**You are welcome here.**

COME as you are.

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Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the
 wil - der - ness call - ing and free; Spir - it,
 Spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from
 plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea. *Song ending.*

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

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a
 then you whis - pered in of si - lence when the whole world was
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tive dream

sleep; and o - ver the e - ons you
 land; and when they were blind - ed with
 still; and down in the cit - y you
 dreams; our wom - en see vi - sions, our

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

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

Send Down the Fire

Send down the fire of your jus - tice.

Send down the rains of your love. Come,

send down the Sp;ir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and

we shall be peo - ple of God.

1.Call us to be your com - pas - sion.
 2.Call us to learn of your mer - cy.
 3.Call us to an - swer op - pres - ion.
 4.Call us to wit - ness your king - dom.

Teach us the song of your love. Give us
 Teach us the way of your peace. Give us
 Teach us the fire of your truth. Give us
 Give us the pres - ence of Christ. May your

hearts that sing. Give us deeds that ring. Make us
 hearts that feel. Give us hands that heal. Make us
 right - eous soul, 'til your jus - tice rolls. Make us
 ho - ly light keep us shin - ing bright, ev - er

ring with the song of your love.
 walk in the way of your peace. (Chorus)
 shine with the fire of your truth.
 shine with the pres - ence of Christ. (Chorus)

On the Edge of Tomorrow

Stand-ing on the edge of to - mor - row, stand-ing on the edge of ad - ven -
 - ture, stand-ing in the place of dis - cov - 'ry,
 learn-ing ev - 'ry step of the way. Thank - ful for the path-ways be - hind
 us, look-ing to the fu - ture be - fore us,
 guid-ed by the Spir-it a - mong us, stand-ing at the dawn of the day.
 (Stand-ing at the dawn of the day.) *Last phrase sung 3X at end.*
 1.Ho- ly Spir- it, guide us; wor - ship - ping we come.
 3.Ho- ly Spir- it, teach us how to live as friends,
 4.Ho- ly Spir- it send us out be - yond these walls,
 Draw us ev - er clos - er to our God, our home.
 found and freed by God's love, love that nev - er ends.
 bless-ing, shar-ing, giv - ing, an - swer-ing God's call.
 Fill us with God's pres - ence, mold and shape and turn,
 Liv - ing out our u - nion, learn - ing loy - al - ty;
 Burst-ing with God's pres - ence so God's grace we prove,
 till with ho - ly fire, hearts like torch - es burn.
 pa - tient - ly dis - cov - 'ring ho - ly fam - i - ly.
 shar - ing God's re - sour - ces, shin - ing with God's love. *Repeat Chorus*

Send Us Out

1. We have been called by the Lord.
2. We who were bound by our shame,
We ruled have by been our saved fears by the with Word in.
Now Stand let and the de - Word clare be by re - stored. name,
Now let the Gos - pel of be heard. Send us out to teach what
free - dom from all of our sin.
God has done. Send us out to reach ev' - ry
sin - gle one. Send us out. Send us out.
Teach what God has done. Reach ev' - ry sin - gle one.
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