

Trinity-Grace United Church

Welcome!



May 28th, 2023
PENTECOST

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CANDLE LIGHTING

One: Once there was a man from Galilee...

Christ candle is lit

One: In that light we now walk, as people of the Spirit.

ALL: Let us gather in the light of Christ.

Introit: "O God, Send Out Your Spirit" (MV25)

Soloist:

O God, send out your Spirit;
Renew the face of the earth.
O God, send out your Spirit;
Renew the face of the earth.

ALL:

**O God, send out your Spirit;
Renew the face of the earth.
O God, send out your Spirit;
Renew the face of the earth.**

Soloist:

We bless you, O God, for you are so great.
Your Spirit uncovers hidden beauty and grace.
Though times we deny all the pain and the tears,
Your Spirit empowers us and soon we face our fears.

ALL:

**O God, send out your Spirit;
Renew the face of the earth.
O God, send out your Spirit;
Renew the face of the earth.**

INVITATION

(One/All):

Breath of God,
Breath of life,
Breath of deepest yearning:
Come, Holy Spirit.

Comforter,
Disturber,
Interpreter,
Enthusier:
Come, Holy Spirit.

Divine Advocate,
Lamplighter,
Revealer of truth,
Midwife of change:
Come, Holy Spirit.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
God's spirit is with us.

PRAYER

HYMN: "Oh A Song Must Rise" (MV 142)

Refrain

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again (again)
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend. (descend)

1. From the mountains to the valleys,
from the desert to the sea,
a song must rise once again.
From the voices of our leaders,
the voice of you and me,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Refrain

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again (again)

Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend. (descend)

2. From poverty and riches,
from the voice of young and old,
a song must rise once again. (again)
From the free and the imprisoned,
the timid and the bold,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Refrain

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again (again)
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend. (descend)

3. From ev'ry house of worship,
in ev'ry faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again.
From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Refrain

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again (again)
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend. (descend)

BEARING WITNESS TO OUR FAITH

(One/All):

The fullness of life includes
moments of unexpected inspiration and courage lived out,
experiences of beauty, truth, and goodness,
the reconciliation of persons through justice
and communities living in righteousness.

**And so we sing of God the Spirit,
who from the beginning
has swept over the face of creation,
animating all energy and matter
and moving in the human heart.**

We sing of God the Spirit,
faithful and untameable,
who is creatively and redemptively active
in the world.

**The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy
not only in what is familiar,
but also in that which seems foreign.**

We sing of the Spirit,
who speaks our prayers of deepest longing
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,
transforming us and the world.

**We offer worship
as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
and a practice of opening ourselves
to God's still, small voice of comfort,
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.**

**Through word, music, art, and sacrament,
in community and in solitude,
God changes our lives, our relationships,
and our world.**

We sing with trust.

SHARING PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all!

ALL: And also with you!

We take a moment to greet each other and share a sign of peace (such as a word, sign or handshake).

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 1-21 *The Gift of the Holy Spirit*

Response: "Holy Sacred Spirit" (MV15)

Soloist:

Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your breath on us.
Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your life in us. (2x)

ALL: Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your breath on us.
Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your life in us. (2x)

EXPLORING THE WORD

RESPONDING

HYMN: "She Flies On" (VU 380)

Refrain:

She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

- 1 Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child.
- 2 Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts
found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on.

Refrain:

She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,

her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

3 To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark,
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would
never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

4 Flying to the river, she waited circling high
above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace.

Refrain:

She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

5 Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on.

Refrain:

She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

The offering box is brought forward

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*Trinity-Grace is grateful for the many ways we are gifted and called
to contribute to God's mission through this faith community.*

Invitation

Prayer of Dedication

(All):
Gracious God,
we offer you our gifts with humble hearts.
Through the work of your Holy Spirit,
surprise us with all that our gifts can accomplish,
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Introduction

Profession of Faith & Promises

Blessing

Welcome by Board Chair

Welcome by Congregation

ALL:
We give thanks to God for your witness among us.
With joy and thanksgiving we celebrate the faith we all share,
and rededicate ourselves to the life and work of the body of Christ.

CONNECTING IN COMMUNITY

Announcements, insights, joy & concerns – all are welcome to share.

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE & CONCERN

Leader: Spirit of Power and Promise,
ALL: Blow through us and renew our faith

THE PRAYER OF THE DISCIPLES *(The Lord's Prayer)*

(All).
Our loving God,
who lives within and beyond us:

**May your will for justice be realized in our community
and by the nations of the world.**

**Grant us all that we need to fulfill your purpose
and to taste the hope of abundant life for all.**

**Forgive us our sins,
helping us to forgive each other
and to entrust to you the judgement of others.**

**Save us from testing beyond our resources
and protect us from evil.**

**For yours is the hope, the power and the grace
now and forever.
Amen.**

HYMN: "Spirit of Gentleness" (VU 375)

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the
valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

- 2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;

and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes.

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world
was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush
of the wind.

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise.

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

SENDING & BLESSING

Response: "Amen"

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!

POSTLUDE