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May 15, 2016 Pentecost Sunday



A Word on Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

On Pentecost Sunday we commemorate and celebrate the Church receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. Like the early Church, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon us to equip us for mission.

John Stott says, "Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the Life-giver, no understanding without the Spirit of truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christ-likeness of character apart from His fruit, and no effective witness without His power. As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Spirit is dead."

The original word for "Spirit" in the New Testament is also the word for breath and wind. Therefore, prepare your heart for worship by praying through this prayer:

Wind of God, blow far from us all dark despair, all deep distress, all groundless fears, all sinful desires, all Satan's snares, all false values, all selfish wishes, and all wasteful worries.

Blow into us

Your holy presence, Your living love, Your healing touch, Your splendid courage, Your mighty strength, Your perfect peace, Your caring concern, Your divine grace, and Your boundless joy.

Wind of God, blow strong, blow fresh, and blow now! Send times of refreshment from the presence of our Lord, Amen.

- Adapted from Pamela Wilding, Prayers Encircling the World

Come, Spirit of Power

ORGAN PRELUDE: "For Your Gift of God the Spirit" arr. Michael Burkhardt

Samuel Metzger, organ

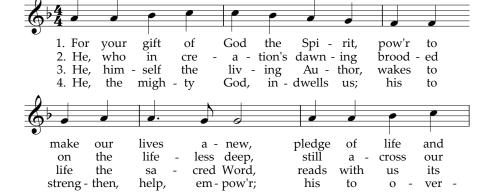
TRUMPET AND ORGAN PRELUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" J. S. Bach *John Schuesselin, trumpet*

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove, with light and comfort from above; Be Thou our guardian, Thou our guide, o'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display, and make us know and choose Thy way; Plant holy fear in every heart, that we from God may ne'er depart.

The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00) Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music

♦HYMN OF PENTACOST: "For Your Gift of God the Spirit".....ODE TO JOY





When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"
But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

Father, grant Your Holy Spirit in our hearts may rule today, Grieved not, quenched not, but unhindered, work in us His sovereign way. Fill us with Your holy fullness, God the Father, Spirit, Son; In us, through us, then, forever, shall Your perfect will be done.

Come, Wind of God

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our heavenly Father, send the reviving wind of Your Spirit to blow away the dust of sin in our lives. Forgive our dullness in hearing and heeding Your Word. Create in us open ears that listen intently to Your voice. Pardon our timidity in commending You to others. Create in us bold tongues to declare Your excellencies. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and grant us a willing spirit to serve You with gladness for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♦HYMN OF THE SPIRIT: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God" (11:00) Keith Getty



PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.......T. Barton Kimbro

Called to light to pierce the darkness, called to truth where lies abound, Called to life to reach the dying, called to peace where strife is found.

One by one, the Spirit calls us. By God's grace, He beckons all. Find us worthy of the mission, ever faithful to the call.

Called to hope to touch the suff'ring, called to freedom where captives plead, Called to lead, to guide the wand'ring, called to serve where there is need.

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would gracious be; And with words that help and heal would Thy life in mine reveal; And with actions bold and meek would for Christ my Savior speak.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would holy be; Separate from sin, I would choose and cherish all things good, And whatever I can be, give to Him who gave me Thee!

- **†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**
- *QUEETINGS*

Come, Breath of Life

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON..... Ezekiel 37:1-14 (page 724 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON O Dry Bones, Hear the Word of the Lord Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

†HYMN OF THE SPIRIT:

No. 341 "O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us"SPIRITUS VITAE

- **†BENEDICTION**
- **†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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Getting Connected

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Pastor Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.

Sunday Night Worship

We gather each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. Tonight, we continue our semester-long series studying Paul's letter to the Philippians (Philippians 4:14-19). We invite you to worship with us.