



Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 31, 2020
Pentecost-Gifts of the Spirit

GATHERING SONG – “Now Pray We the Holy Spirit”...setting by Buxtehude

WELCOME

GOSPEL - John 20:19-23

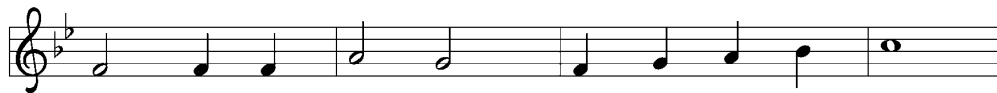
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let us Pray: Spirit of fire, your holy presence burns bright within this world. Spread your spirit throughout our communities, so that our hearts may burn with love and hope. **Amen**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Jackie & Jordan Bucks

NARRATIVE READING – Acts 2:1-12

SERMON

PIANO SOLO: “Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song”...setting by John Carter
Confirmand Recognition

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS

Empowering God, you gave the church the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your church today and hear our petitions.

A brief silence.

Holy Spirit, rest upon the church, inspire our witness and service that the whole world may know the love and grace of God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, rest upon creation, work healing in wholeness where there is brokenness and knit all life into a glorious tapestry. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, rest upon the nations and their leaders, grant all of humanity to find unity, peace, and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, rest upon the brokenhearted, wrap them in the loving arms of your care and lead them to the knowledge of your presence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, rest upon the sick and the dying, bring healing, comfort and peace at the last. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, rest upon this congregation, show us how best to use the gifts you have given us for service in the name of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy Spirit, rest upon us who are still on our pilgrimage and unite us into one body with all who have gone before. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that, gathered and directed by your Spirit, we may confess Christ as Lord and combine our diverse gifts with a singular passion to continue his mission in this world until we join in your eternal praise. **Amen.**

Hear these and all our prayers, spoken and silent, as well as the words for prayer that Jesus taught us:

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Congregational Song – “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” ...WOV #684 *Verses 3 & 4 only with refrains*

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



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.

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 sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE – “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God...Getty & Townend, arr. Koerts



CONFIRMATION

Affirmation of Baptism

Today we celebrate the Festival of Pentecost. Traditionally at Union Lutheran, we would be celebrating Confirmation of our Second Year Catechetical Class. We are proud of our youth and honor them today.

Brayden Arnold
Marguerite Bowman
Hayden Gabel
Jonas Geiger
Ava Leuthe
Kaitlyn Miller
Jake Rittle
Scott Stevens

When we are able to return to worship together, we will celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism.

Sermon – Thank you to the following pastors in our community for sharing today’s sermon:

- Pastor Gordan Camp – Union Lutheran, Schnecksville
- Pastor Bruce MacLaughlin – St. John’s Lutheran, Whitehall
- Pastor Carey Miller – St. Paul’s Lutheran, Breinigsville
- Pastor Barry Mitchell – Nativity Lutheran, Allentown
- Pastor Jami Possinger – Hope Lutheran, Cherryville
- Pastor Deb Taylor – Grace Lutheran, Belfast
- Pastor Jimmy Lee Werley – Holy Spirit, Emmaus

Check out **previous worship services or Wednesday** devotions by going to our website: www.ulclv.org. Click on the blue button “Click here for Virtual Worship”.

Lil Pantry – We are so blessed to be able to help our community by providing food in our Lil Pantry. It is being used heavily. How can you help? Either drop off your food donations directly to the Lil Pantry or mail a check to Union Lutheran Church. We will purchase food and restock as needed.

Northern Lehigh Food Bank and the Parkland Cares Pantry help to serve the food needs of our extended local communities. Since our building is currently closed, it is difficult to drop off food donations. Dianne Gillikin has volunteered her front porch as a drop off spot. Dianne and Carl live only a minute or two from the church at 5168 Stahley Dr. Schnecksville. Place your bags on their porch and Dianne will ensure that your donations get to the food banks.

Urgent needs are: peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, crackers, rice, beans, syrup, pancake mix, and toilet paper, but all donations are appreciated and useful!

Clothing bins in our parking lot **are closed again**. Sorry for any inconvenience. We will let you know as soon as they are reopened by the collection company.

Helping the Homeless in Allentown – The Social Ministry Committee would like your support with helping the homeless during this COVID crisis. The 2 programs we would like to support are Ripple Community, Inc. and OATH (Operation Address the Homeless). Here is how you can help - They are in need of the following items:

- All camping supplies - these do not need to be new but in decent shape
- Small women's clothing - also not new
- Plastic, wood or compostable forks, Toilet Paper
- Quarters for Laundry, Lysol spray, Clorox wipes
- Reusable Rain Ponchos, Small umbrellas
- Individually wrapped/non-perishable food items: applesauce, fruit cups, granola bars, cookies, snack bags of chips and pretzels, fruit snacks, trail mix
- Apples, Oranges, Juice Boxes, Travel size small toiletries
- Gift Cards (WaWa or Grocery Stores)

If you are able to help with this project you can bring the items to my front porch, Jim and Patty Hersh, @ 3623 McIntosh Drive in Orefield and I will make sure they are taken into Allentown where they will be distributed.

VBS 2020



This summer's ROCKY RAILWAY VBS program will
"keep on chugging" right into your living room!

No social distancing will **"close down our tracks."**

Jesus' Power **"Pulls us Through!!!"**

Let's spread out the VBS fun and learning throughout the summer. Each Wednesday, for 5 weeks, (July 8, 15, 22, 29 & August 5), we will unveil one of our action-packed VBS days. All you need to do is click on the link that we email to you and your kids will see their ULC friends and learn the lesson, sing along with the music, and of course dance with **"Pharaoh Pharaoh!"**

Parents - be sure that your kids don't miss out. Why not send an email to office@ulclv.org and let us know what email address to send your child(ren)'s VBS fun.

Grandparents, Aunts/Uncles, Neighbors – think of the kids in your life. We would be happy to send our VBS love to them as well....send us their name and email address to office@ulclv.org!

Keeping in our prayers:

Chuck Allison, Nancy Antram, Dottie Bealer, Alyson Bucks, Christian Bucks, Connor Bucks, Richard Carlstrand, Bailey Cummings, Steve Dymond, Lynn Fermato, Barry Fink, Bob Frey, Judy Gifford, Abby Graham, Jake Hammond, Linda Houser, Melissa Ludwig, Royal Olson, David Schneck, Barbara Spohn, Jeffrey Trapp, Cris Stauter.

Susan Behler passed away. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Ed Razzis is home following a second hospitalization. He will be receiving cancer treatment;

Tracy McGowan is home from the hospital recovering from Covid 19;

Madison Williams is recovering at home after testing positive for Covid19;

Michael Sechler, Patti Hoffman's brother, is recovering from Covid19;

Leonard and Linda Dymond, relatives of Steve and Tammy Dymond, recovering from Covid19 in Colorado;

Bruce MacLaughlin, he has tested positive for the Covid 19 virus.

We pray for our homebound members, members of our congregation and community who struggle with employment, people affected by the natural disasters and our service people.

We join all of the congregation of Faith Lutheran and their Transitional Pastors Manuel R. Strivers, Jr. and Donald W. Hayn.

Please contact Pastor Camp pastor@ulclv.org or the church office office@ulclv.org to share prayer concerns.

Thank you for maintaining the work of our church!



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