



**October 27, 2024**  
**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship Sunday**

Leading Worship Today:

**Pastor:** Brian Entz

**Lay Leader:** Chuck Klaassen

**Accompanist:** Ralph Johansen & Worship Team

*Please read along with all **Bold** text*  
*All are invited to stand when there is an \**

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PRELUDE

**The Swan**

**Saint-Saens**

Dr. Andrew Burgdorf, cello  
Ralph Johansen, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves  
and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church. -A Brief Statement of Faith*

GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**from Psalm 96**

Sing to God a new song;

**sing to God all the whole earth.**

Sing and bless God's holy Name;

**proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations,

**God's wonders among all peoples.**

**\*OPENING SONGS**

**Come, Now is the Time to Worship**

**Chorus**

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

**Chorus**

**Chorus**

**Verse 1**

There's nothing worth more that will ever come  
close  
No thing can compare You're our living hope  
Your Presence, Lord

**Chorus**

Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

**Chorus**

**Verse 1**

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now

**Verse 2**

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart soul mind and strength  
We gladly choose You now

**Holy Spirit**

**Verse 2**

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is  
undone  
In Your Presence Lord

**Bridge**

Let us become more aware of Your Presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness  
Let us become more aware of Your Presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness  
Lord

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all and teaching us to renounce what is evil in this world.

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*RESPONSE**

**#447 We Are Forgiven**

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

**\*SHARING THE PEACE**

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture,  
signs of peace and reconciliation.*

**WORD**

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church; a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Acts 2:1-12 (NRSV)

1When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NRSV)

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various

kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

**#408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit**

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4-13 (NRSV)

4John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

12And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE

**"I Believe in the Holy Spirit..."**

Rev. Brian Entz

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## OFFERING

**Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

Dr. Andrew Burgdorf, cello  
Ralph Johansen, piano

*"Let us present ourselves to God as those who have been delivered from death to life."  
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## \*PRAISE REFRAIN

**#710 We Lift Our Voices**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.**

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

\*AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

the Apostle's Creed

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the  
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into  
hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the  
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of peace, we come before you giving thanks for the gift of this day and for the life and promise  
you offer the world.

In the face of Jesus Christ and the movement of your Holy Spirit, your wondrous will is revealed.  
Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For peace in the world, between people and between nations, especially in Ukraine and Russia,  
Israel, Palestine, and Lebanon.  
Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For your beautiful and diverse creation, that humanity may learn to live in harmony with all your  
creatures, placing care for what you have made above capitalizing from it.  
Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For people who don't have enough: for those without homes, for those without food and water, for  
those without access to education and healthcare, for those without community and family.  
Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For those in need of healing and those in recovery. Especially...  
Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For those in grief and mourning. Especially...  
Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For those seeking justice and an end to violence and oppression.  
Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For those seeking meaning, truth, and beauty in life. May they find in you the source and summit of  
all that was, is, and is to come.  
Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For your Church in all its forms across the world, that we may proclaim your glory and enact your  
love.  
Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

For all other concerns and needs in our lives and in our world...  
Holy Spirit, **transform this world.**

Holy One, as you are well pleased with Christ, help us to live in a way that will be pleasing to you. As you have called us to listen to Christ, help us to always heed his word and seek his will. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son, our Savior and Lord who taught us to pray...

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

## SENDING

\*CLOSING SONG

**#291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

\*BLESSING AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

*Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus*

## WORSHIP NOTES

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**I Believe: The Apostles' Creed, what it says and why it matters:** This week we are discussing **chapter 3**, "**I believe in the Holy Spirit...**" Next week, the week of November 3rd, we will be discussing chapter 4, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church..." The Zoom link to the discussion will be sent out the Friday before.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:** PDA is deploying National Response Team members to help respond to the needs of those in Tampa Bay Presbytery, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, and Northeast Georgia Presbytery. If you would like to help support this financially, you can give online at [bit.ly/DR000169](http://bit.ly/DR000169)

## How can we pray for you?

Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.



## BPC Prayer List:

- Milla Spike, Kevin's grand daughter
- Lois Lindstrom
- Theresa
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Jill, the niece of Al DeBellis, who has terminal illness
- Kelly, daughter of Al DeBellis, who has cancer
- Gary, Chuck Klaassen's brother-in-law, was in a serious car crash
- Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Daniel Elliot
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Jan Brown, early morning Women of Faith
- Dennis Dietz, Virginia's friend
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Jimm and Jodie Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law and daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins
- Janice Sorby
- George and Elaine Thole and family following Scott's death
- Tanya Jenson DeBellis and family following Al's death

For peace in Ukraine and Russia, Israel/Palestine, Congo, and around the world.

For our neighbor congregations in Buffalo and for the congregations of our presbytery.

## Upcoming This Week

### *Today*

9:30a Worship  
10:30a CCC: Creating a Culture of Safety & Stewardship  
7:00p Creed Zoom Discussion

### *Monday*

7:00p AA

### *Tuesday*

9:00a Crafty Ladies  
9:00a Men's Breakfast at Forget Me Not Cafe

### *Wednesday*

1:00p Creed In-Person Discussion Group  
7:00p Adult Choir

### *Thursday*

7:30a People of Faith  
10:00a Women of Faith  
5:30p Racial Justice Reading Group

### *Friday*

### *Saturday*

9:00a Craft and Bake Sale

### *Sunday*

*Daylight Saving Time*  
9:30a Worship with Communion  
10:30a CCC:  
7:00p Creed Zoom Discussion

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## 408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I  
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are  
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.



## Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

# 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Refrain*

D G A D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the

Bm E A D G

wil - der - ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,

A D Bm

spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,

G A D G D *Fine*

wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

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

D Bm

deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

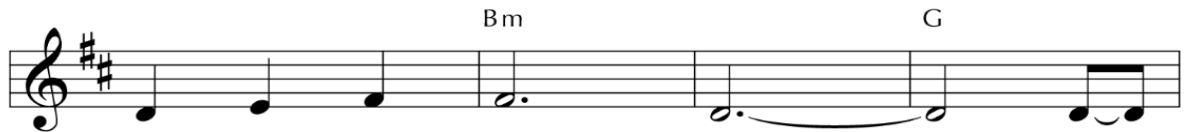
GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -  
 law and a land. When they were con - found -  
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -  
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -



ons you called to each thing, "A -  
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you  
 y, you called once a - gain when you  
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With



wake from your slum - bers and  
 spoke through your proph - ets to  
 blew through your peo - ple on the  
 bold new de - ci - sions your



rise on your wings."  
 o - pen their eyes.  
 rush of the wind.  
 peo - ple a - rise.

*to Refrain*