

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 28, 2023 - Day of Pentecost

THE CHURCH GATHERS . . .
Meditation on "Spirit"

PRELUDE

Michael Bedford

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

Sanctuary

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear, people of God!
God is speaking through winds and voices,
All: calling us to follow and serve.

Leader: See, people of God!
God is moving through the church and the world,
All: showing us how to love and lead.

Leader: Believe, people of God!
God is working through all creation,
All: drawing us into the warmth of the spirit.

Leader: Worship, people of God!
All: Let us worship God together.

. . . TO PRAISE AND CONFESS

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 319

Spirit

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You cry out for us to open our hearts, but we keep them shielded from the goodness of your spirit. You call for us to open our minds, but we would rather confine them to what we already know. You long for us to open our ears, but we shy away from the language of your grace. Forgive us, God of mercy. Heal us, embrace us, and wash us in your love. Breathe your spirit on us once more, and move us to respond with lives of faithfulness.

SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
All: hear our prayers.

KYRIE, 574

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*THE GLORIA PATRI, 579

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Leader: I invite you to greet one another with the Peace of Christ.

. . . TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Turn the World Around

Chancel Choir

Harry Belafonte and Robert Freedman, arr. Mark Hayes

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN 322, seated

Spirit of the Living God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 11:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Perfect Church Attendance?

Reverend Nick Hatch

. . . TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION, insert

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

CONFIRMATION

Introduction of Confirmands
Questions to Confirmands and Congregation
Presentation of Membership Certificates and Gifts
Prayer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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 arose 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.

SILENT PRAYER

HYMN

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.**

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (SHARING JOYS AND SORROWS)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Trad. Spiritual, arr. Keveren

*Doxology, 592

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below:
praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

... TO GO OUT TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN, 315

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Mark A. Miller

**What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you,
I want to know; I want to know.**

**Justice! Kindness!
Walk humbly with your God!
Justice! Kindness!
Walk humbly with your God!**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare and Rumba on "Veni Creator Spiritus" Paul Leddington Wright

*Please stand if you are able

The sanctuary flowers are in honor of the Camerons' 40th wedding anniversary.

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and gratefully shares as a loving family growing in Jesus Christ.

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10:00 a.m.

Director of Music Ministry: Stefanie Watson

Usher: Cindy Accardi

Minister: The Rev. Nicholas Hatch

Worship Assistant: LuAnn Keefe

Offering Assistant: Jeri Bone