

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 28, 2023

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SILENT MEDITATION

CHORAL INTROIT

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

OPENING PRAYER | STANDING

Flame-dancing Spirit, come,
sweep us off our feet
and dance us through our days.
Surprise us with your rhythms,
dare us to try new steps,
and explore new patterns.
Release us from old routines,
to swing in abandoned joy
and fearful adventure.
And in the intervals,
rest us in your still center. Amen.

HYMN | STANDING

Holy Spirit, Gift Bestower



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, gift be - stow - er, breath in - to our
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, Christ pro - claim - er, wis - dom bring - er,



hearts to - day. Flow - ing wa - ter, dove that ho - vers,
light_ our way. Fire that dan - ces, wind that whis - pers,



Ho - ly Spir - it, guide_ our way. Love in - spir - er, joy re -
Ho - ly Spir - it, come_ to - day. Ease dis - turb - er, com - fort



leas - er, Spir - it, take_ our fears a - way. Re - con - ci - ler,
bear - er, move a - mong us while we pray. Truth re - veal - er,



peace re - stor - er, move a - mong us while we pray.
faith_ con - firm - er, rest with - in_ our hearts to - day.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,
you poured your Spirit upon the first 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.
When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears,
fearful of what you might call us to do.
When the wind of your Spirit blows,
we close the windows of our hearts,
worried the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives.
When the fire of your Spirit touches us,
we quench the flame,
uneasy of the new life it might bring.
Forgive us,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people.**

Silence is kept for personal confession.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

LISTENING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE STORY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Spirit of the Living God

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Advocate
Rev. Paul Gilmore

RESPONDING

Holy Spirit, Hope and Healer

Holy Spirit, Hope and Healer, fill me with your gift of love.
Holy Spirit, Guide, Revealer, come and bless me from above.
Tune my heart to your intention; light my mind with heaven's flame.
Holy Spirit, Dove of Heaven, claim my heart in Jesus' name.

Holy Spirit, Truth and Treasure, help me follow where you lead.
Holy Spirit, mark and measure every word and thought and deed.
Call me hands to selfless service, raise me up on wings of grace.
Holy Spirit, Well of Wisdom, hold me fast in your embrace.

Holy Spirit, Wind that woos me, blow the seeds of doubt away.
Flame of Faith, inspire, infuse me with assurance, come what may.
Breathe your breath of life and living deep into my very soul.
Holy Spirit, all forgiving, melt me, mold me, make me whole.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who soared over the first waters,
inspired prophets,
and proved that God was not isolated in the distant heavens
but present in every moment at every place.**

The Spirit descended into the gathered people at Pentecost,
breathing passion and courage into the disciples,
and consecrating the church to take up the work that Jesus began in Galilee.
She lurks in ordinary things,
turning them into vessels of Grace.
The Spirit shapes us,
giving us different gifts,
and unifies us,
like puzzle pieces joined to restore us to the image of God,
jagged edges and all.

SHARING THE PEACE | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Peace, salaam, shalom.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Wind of the Spirit,
blow through us on this day of Pentecost and renew our faith.
Re-awaken our love for God.
Let your flames warm our hearts with trust in Jesus Christ
and dare us to do great things in his name.
Spirit of Power and Promise,
blow through us and renew our faith.

Wind of the Spirit,
blow through us and give us energy to serve you in Christ's Church.
Open our eyes to recognize needs for ministry and mission,
and equip us to meet new challenges in ways we haven't dared before.
Open our hands to share in the tasks that need doing,
and open our lips in prayer and praise.
Spirit of Power and Promise,
blow through us and renew our faith.

Wind of the Spirit,
blow through us and give us understanding
for those whose lives seem so different from ours;
for those with whom we've disagreed;
and for the challenges facing our community and your creation
in these complex times.

Spirit of Power and Promise,
blow through us and renew our faith.

Wind of the Spirit,
blow through us and bring healing
for all who face pain or illness,
discouragement or disappointment,
for all who know sorrow, sadness or grief.

Today we pray for Geoff, Susan, Joanne, Kenneth, Paul and Crys, Nicole,
Wendy, Lee, Mary Anne, Sara, Andrew, and Carol.

We pray also for Ryan Meadors as he mourns the death of his father, Ron.

Spirit of Power and Promise,
blow through us and renew our faith.

Wind of the Spirit,
blow through us and bring us the compassion we see in Christ Jesus.
Blow through us and refresh us as your faithful followers,
equipped to serve the world you love in his name,
as together we pray the words he 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 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 733 | STANDING

We All Are One in Mission

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | STANDING

RECESSIONAL

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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Saturdays @ 10am

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)

Tuesdays @ 7am

BIBLE STUDY (CONFERENCE B)

Wednesdays @ 11am

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

Today's Profession of Faith was written by Rev. Carol Holbrook, pastor of Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church in northern Kentucky. You can find the complete Profession of Faith at carolhferguson.com.

CONFIRMATION: NEXT SUNDAY

Join us next Sunday as 18 of our young people are confirmed during morning worship!

SERVING TODAY

Worship Leader: Paul Gilmore

Greeters: Nancy Holly

Lectors: Kathy Fink, Andy Langan,
Barbara Scott

Musicians: Annie Liu, Bryan Wlas,
Daniel Rausch, Alasia Williams

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