



PRELUDE *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*
Ian Alvarez and Mackenzie Alvarez,
marimbas

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit,
wind of God, breath of life.
Come, Holy Spirit,
our advocate, our guide.
Come, Holy Spirit,
teacher of wisdom, reminder of Christ.
Come, Holy Spirit,
soother of souls, giver of peace.
Come, Holy Spirit.
come and bind us together
in love and in our worship.

HYMN #280 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Come to us, Spirit of God,
source of every blessing,

not because we have to,
but because we sincerely want to;
not because we are afraid,
but because we are full of gratitude.

Come to us, Spirit of God,
source of every blessing,

not so we might try and earn heavenly favors,
but because we seek
only what you want to give us.

Come to us, Spirit of God,
source of every blessing,

not because you need our praise
to keep you happy,
but because we need to praise you
to keep our hearts filled with joy.

Come to us, Spirit of God,
source of every blessing,

and tune our hearts to sing your praise.

RESPONSE (insert) *Spirit of the Living God*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Here I Am, Lord*
Dan Woodworth, soloist

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Gracious God,
we remember today the Pentecost story:
your Spirit descended, your church was born,
and you breathed
new life and creative energies into your people.
You have gathered all people together in your Spirit,
and you have brought life to all valleys of death.
Still, O Lord, we struggle to trust,
for we fear our lives are beyond repair.
Still, O Lord, we sometimes turn away,
for we fear our hope is lost.
Still, O Lord, we imagine isolation,
for we fear we are cut off from your presence.
Restore us, life-giving Spirit.
As you did for your first church,
breathe the breath of life into us.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—based on 2Timothy 1:7
“For God did not give us a Spirit of fear, but of
power, of love, and self-discipline.”

Friends in Christ, know that you are empowered
by the Holy Spirit to go forth confidently in the
knowledge of God’s love for you, and to love
others as you have been loved. Receive the Spirit
of mercy and grace, and walk in love.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Matt.12:46-50
Romans 12:1-2

MESSAGE The Bible Doesn't Say That:
"God Wants You to be Happy"

HYMN #697 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your 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 yours is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory
now and forever. Amen.*

HYMN #748 *Go with Us, Lord (sung through twice)*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Lord of the Dance*
David Little, piano