

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Rev. Christopher

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to you, Renewing Spirit, that we confuse unity with uniformity, and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means assimilating others to our way of living. We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person. We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not know how. Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. And empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love. Hear us now, O God, as we lift up our silent prayers of confession to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE 326 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (vs. 1) Moorecambe

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

ANTHEM

Send Down Your Spirit, Lord Besig/Price Sanctuary Choir; Marie Valade - soloist

Send down Your Spirit, Lord. Send down Your Spirit, Lord. Send down Your Spirit, Lord. Fill us with the pow'r of Your Holy Word.

When we start to wander and begin to stray, send down Your Spirit, Lord. When we're feeling lonely and we lose our way, send down Your Spirit, Lord. When temptation calls and we start to fall, help us turn to heaven up above. O precious Lord, send down Your love.

Send down Your love, O Lord. Send down Your love, O Lord. Send down Your love, O Lord. Touch us with Your grace forevermore.

When we hear a cry and want to lend a hand, send down Your love, O Lord. When we try to help and need to understand, send down Your love, O Lord. When there's something wrong, and hope is almost gone, help us know the future will be bright. O precious Lord, send down Your light.

Send down Your light, O Lord. Send down Your light, O Lord. Send down Your light, O Lord. Help us make it shine through all the world. Send down Your light. Send down Your light, O Lord. Send down Your love. Send down Your love, O Lord. Send down Your Spirit, Lord. Send down Your Spirit, Lord.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: A DRAMATIC READING

*The Story of Pentecost - Acts 2:1-21 (Pew Bible p. 1692)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Rekindling of the Spirit”

Rev. Medina

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN 126 Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove St. Agnes

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

*If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.

OFFERTORY Symphony No. 2, Op. 13 Charles-Marie Widor V. Adagio

DOXOLOGY 592 Old One Hundredth 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 DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

SINGING OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The prayer continues...)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE CUP

Worshippers are invited to come forward to receive the bread and cup (which contains unfermented grape juice) at the Lord's Table. The bread may be lightly dipped into the cup or not, if one has special health concerns before it is consumed. Gluten free bread is available on the communion table in a small plate. Anyone wishing to remain seated and be served from a tray may so indicate to an usher.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the sharing of this meal, you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place and make us living signs of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMN 319 Spirit Holy Spirit

BENEDICTION

Please greet one another as the Pastors and Choir exit the Sanctuary

POSTLUDE Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herr Gott Andreas Armsdorf

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: “Rekindling of the Spirit”

Scripture Reading:

Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

Notes:

Three horizontal lines for notes.