

Sunday, May 19, 2024,  
Communion  
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome  
Family Life and Work  
Family Celebrations  
Lighting of the Christ Candle:  
Acknowledgment of the Land:

Introit: And on This Path

MV 8

**And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide!  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gates are open wide!**

**So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
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Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!  
The gates are open wide!**

Call to Worship:  
We gather as followers of Jesus.  
**We wait and we worship.**  
We wait for the gift of God's Holy Spirit.  
**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Opening Hymn: Let Us Build a House

MV 1 vs 1,2,3,4.

**Let us build a house  
Where love can dwell, and all can safely live  
A place where Saints and children tell  
How hearts learn to forgive  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions  
Rock of faith and vault of grace  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions**

**All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak  
And words are strong and true  
Where all God's children dare to seek  
To dream God's reign anew  
Here the cross shall stand as witness,  
And a symbol of God's grace  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus**

**All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place**

**Let us build a house where love is found  
In water, wine and wheat;  
A banquet hall on holy ground  
Where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
Is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us;**

**All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen,  
serve and teach and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger;**

**All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place**

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

**Spirit of power and grace, open our minds and hearts to the possibilities of life: new life that waits for us at every moment. Fill us with your living fire. Help us to love as you love in both our words and our actions. We ask this in Jesus' holy name, and in His words, we say together.**

**The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**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 trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen**

Children's Time:

First Reading: Acts 2: 1 - 21

Gradual Hymn: Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth

VU 207

**1 Spirit of God, unleashed on earth.  
with rush of wind and roar of flame!  
With tongues of fire saints spread good news.  
earth, kindling, blazed its loud acclaim.**

**2 You came in power; the church was born.  
O Holy Spirit, come again!  
From living waters raise new saints,  
let new tongues hail the risen Lord.**

**3 With burning words of victory won.  
inspire our hearts grown cold with fear,  
revive in us baptismal grace,  
and fan our smouldering lives to flame.**

Meditation: "Holy Spirit, Come"

Rev. Patricia MacDonald

We Respond

Musical Offering: The Fruits of the Spirit

Natalie Sleeth

Offertory: Grant Us, God, the Grace

VU 540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All praise and thanks are rightly yours, life-giving Lord..... Therefore, with your people in all ages and the whole company of heaven, we join in the song of unending praise, singing,

**All sing: "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

**MV 203**

**O holy, holy holy God, O God of time and space.  
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.  
Hosanna in the highest heav'n creation sings your praise.  
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always.**

Truly holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ..... Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

All sing: **"Memorial Acclamation"**

**MV 204**

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again.  
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Therefore, in remembrance of all your mighty acts.....Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All sing: **"Great Amen"**

**MV 205**

**Amen, amen, O Holy One Hosanna and Amen  
Amen, amen, O Holy One Hosanna and Amen**

Closing Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

VU 375

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the  
valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. R**
- 2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes. R**
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world  
was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush  
of the wind. R**
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions your people arise. R**

Benedictions and Commissioning

Go out into the world to which Christ has called you. Dream dreams. Pursue visions. Go in the power of the Spirit of Christ for the sake of His eternal Kingdom.

May God who created you be your delight.

May Christ Jesus your Saviour give hope to your dreaming.

May the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter, set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
...In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Choral Benediction: May the God of Hope Go with Us

VU 424

**May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.**

**Praying, let us work for peace,**

**singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

- 2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed. R**

**Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**