

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY
Pentecost Sunday – June 9th, 2019

Welcome & Notices:

Call to Worship:

She unsettles our comfort and comforts the unsettled; and her spark lights the candle that burns through the dark

**She stirs the imagination of artists and poets and preachers;
the muse for the scientists, the architect and teacher**

She dares to renew with ideas, the seed, the catalyst, the incentive, the disturber, the yeast

**She is the protest at injustice and the anger at strife;
the blessing in the water and the water of life**

She is the cord in the chorus and the chorus in the song; the love-song of God singing on and on and on.

She is the Spirit

She is the Spirit and she call us now.

HYMN: TIS 413

**Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.**

**Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as Advocate to plead,
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.**

**Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live;
holy through your loving presence,
holy through the gifts you give.**

**Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
you the Love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.**

William Brian Foley 1919 –

Prayer of Invocation. *Then -----*

Litany of the Spirit: *Lighting of Candles with quiet meditative music playing.*

God of all beginnings.

God of endings - Eternal light of God *(Pause while One candle is lit)*

Warm breath of God

Melting touch of God

Healing hand of God

Creative hand of God *(Pause – Candle is lit)*

Light of our lives

Supporter in our trials

Strength in weakness

Consolation in grief

Healer of wounds *(Candle is lit)*

Renewer of strength

Quencher of thirst

Shelter in storms

Tenderness in distress *(Candle is lit)*

Giver of Joy

Giver of Comfort

Giver of Peace

Giver of Love *(Candle is lit)*

Wellspring of life

Fresh spring of renewal

Clear stream of refreshment

Wide ocean of love *(Candle is lit)*

Divine Wind, Breath of God
As a whisper on the breeze
A wind dancing in the tree-tops
Exhilarating Wind of the cliff-tops *(Candle is lit)*

So we sense you.

Holy Spirit, making life alive, moving in all things, root of all created being, you waken & reawaken everything that is.

Amen

Prayer of Confession:

Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
Come then, let us confess our sins to the one who is faithful to forgive.

Let us pray -----

after: 'Spirit of the living God...'

response: **Fall afresh on me**

Assurance:

Those who are in Christ are a new creation; everything old has passed away.
The power of the Spirit flows in & through us, refining & renewing.

Thanks be to God.

ACTIVITY: Reflection time

HYMN: TIS 414

**There's a Spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.'**

**Lose your shyness, find your tongue;
tell the world what God has done.
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!**

**When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.**

**Still the Spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!**

**When a stranger's not alone,
when the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living working, in our world.**

**May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!**

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telling Christians everywhere:
Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.**

Brian Arthur Wren 1936–

BIBLE READINGS: Genesis 11:1-9 (OT p.9) Acts 2: 1-21 (NT p.112)

REFLECTION:

HYMN: TIS 409

**O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.**

**O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore, for this we plead.**

**O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.**

**Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.**

Elizabeth Ann Porter Head 1850-1936

OFFERING:

PRAYER FOR OTHERS:

after: 'Spirit hear us...'

response: **Spirit help us**

The Lord's Prayer:

HYMN: TIS 411

**Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord:
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.**

**Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire:
give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.**

**Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race:
like wind and fire with life among us move
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.**

John Raphael Peacey 1896-1971 alt.

COMMISSION & BLESSING:

HYMN: "May our God" (*Tune - Edelwiess*)

**May our God, God of love,
Bless and keep you for-ever
Grant you peace, perfect peace
Courage in every endeavour.
Now go forth in joy and love
And in grace forever
May our God, God of peace
Bless and keep you forever.**