

CELEBRATING IN WORSHIP

May 31, 2009 – 10:30 am

Gathering

Silent Meditation

Welcome and Announcements (Please sign Friendship Register and pass it down the pew)

Centering Song

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

STF#2118

Call to Worship

Leader: As the wind fills the sails of windmills in fields and taps underground stores of life-giving water;

People: so the wind of God's Spirit fills us and refreshes us.

Leader: As the fire renews the prairie by bursting open the seeds of life;

People: so the fire of God's Spirit brings renewal to our lives.

Leader: Wind and fire, symbols of energy and power;

People: Holy Spirit, source of our energy and power, sweep into our lives this day, that we may experience your refreshment, your renewal, your life.

Leader: Come, let us worship God, the giver and renewer of life.

*Opening Hymn

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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Silent Prayer of Confession

A Litany Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of power, You have sent the Spirit of love,

People: forgive us all the times we put conditions on our love.

Leader: You have sent the Spirit of joy,

People: forgive us all the times we are disagreeable and unwelcome witnesses.

Leader: You have sent the Spirit of peace,

People: forgive us all the times our words and actions contribute towards conflict and division.

Leader: You have sent the Spirit of patience,

People: forgive us all the times we worry because we do not see instant results to prayer.

Leader: You have sent the Spirit of kindness,

People: forgive us all the times we have neglected people's needs.

Leader: You have sent the Spirit of goodness,

People: forgive us all the times we have willfully or thoughtlessly caused pain by our words or actions.

Leader: You have sent the Spirit of faithfulness,

People: forgive us all the times our discipleship has lacked credibility.

Leader: You have sent the Spirit of gentleness,

People: forgive us all the times we have been aggressive in our attitude towards others.

Leader: You have sent the Spirit of self-control,

People: forgive us all the times we have hurt others by our careless manner. Gracious and merciful God, grant us your forgiveness and your love that we may truly care for one another. Refresh and renew us with your Spirit so that we can be fruitful and vital disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: In hope we are saved. The Spirit helps us in our weakness, intercedes for us and guides us into all truth.

People: God seeks to restore us to the fullness of life, to offer us hope, to assure us of our worth and value.

Leader: Feel the flames of God's love resting on us, empowering us to love and serve in Christ's name.

People: In Jesus Christ we are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

Gloria Patri

#579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*The Peace

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 111

pg. 562

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21

pg. 119

Children's Message
Sermon

We Respond

*Hymn of Response

Spirit of God

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*Affirmation of Faith From A brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debt & debtors)

As part of the prayers this morning, the congregation will be invited to sing a response following each petition. The pastor will end each petition with the words, "Lord, hear our prayer."

The congregation will sing the response "*Holy Spirit, Come to Us*".

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Offering

Offertory

Pentecost Fire

Cool

*Doxology

#592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer of Dedication (in unison)**

Bless these gifts, O God, and bless us as we offer ourselves to serve you in different ways and to praise you in many voices. Send your Spirit upon us, that when we speak the word of your love, people may hear and understand as on that Pentecost day so long ago. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

*Hymn

There's a Spirit in the Air

#433

*Our Mission

To be a caring community of God's people who live by Christ's teachings, reach out to others to share the love of God and celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, thought and action.

*Benediction

*Response

Spirit Song

**O let the Son of God enfold you with His spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul. O let Him have
the things that hold you and His spirit, like a dove, will descend
upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus come and fill your lambs,
O Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

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Postlude

*All who are able please stand
Liturgist: Bill Woods
Offering: Jim Winter

Announcements

Flowers for the Worship Service

You are invited to give flowers to brighten our worship. Choose a date to honor someone special, and sign up on the flower chart in the narthex or call the church office. For information or questions, call Grace Covey (233-4691), Mary Skalet (236-5559), Marion DeJong (233-3041) or Ruth Mathews (233-4469). Thank you!

Vacation Church School

Please remember to pick up your VCS registration form on the table in the Narthex. Just 4 days of Vacation Church School this year Monday thru Thursday (June 8-11). It promises to be interesting and fun!

Summer Small Group: Reformed Faith

Are you interested in participating in a summer small group study? A 12-week opportunity is planned for Wednesdays at noon beginning June 24th. The course material is available through openingdoorstodiscipleship.com and is titled *Reformed Faith*. You will need a pass code to log on to the website the first time. Please call Pat Matthys at the church for this pass code (publishing restrictions do not allow us to print the code in our newsletter). We have also invited our area Presbyterian Church friends to join us.

Sing the Faith Songbooks

Thanks to a generous donation from the family and estate of Lillian & Lester McEvers, we have been able to purchase additional *Sing the Faith* songbooks. Notice that there are more of them available in the pews around you. Use them as we sing God's praises joyfully. Help us care for them by returning them to the racks, placing them either alone or combined with the Bible. *Jamming them in with the regular hymnals will damage the spines of both books.*