

TCC Takeout

An Order of Service for Worship at Home

*God's Extravagant Welcome:
"No matter who you are or where
you are on life's journey, YOU are
welcome here!"*



Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

WEAR RED TODAY!

Announcements:

From Ted Thornton

TCC Takeout is a liturgy for these times when we find ourselves without a settled pastor and apart from one another physically.

Today marks my last Sunday putting together these services. It has been a blessing for me to serve TCC again this time around. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Many thanks to Chris, Patter, and Heather for providing music for this service. On this Pentecost Sunday we particularly miss seeing Clayton and Bernie in their flaming shirts!

From Chris Harris

"Here's a hymn that expresses our longing to come together again: 'Brethren, We Have Met to Worship,' based on the hymn tune, HOLY MANNA. (For some reason, the names of hymn tunes are always written in all caps!) Remember these words? 'Brethren, we have met to worship And

adore the Lord our God; Will you pray with all your power, While we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the Spirit Of the Holy One comes down; Brethren, pray, and holy manna Will be showered all around.' [Click here](#) to listen.

Prelude [Toccata on the Pentecost Choral "Der Geist des Herrn" for Organ](#)

Introit [Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness](#)

Spirit, spirit of gentleness
Blow through the wilderness
Calling and free
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness
Stir me from placidness
Wind, Wind on the sea

You moved on the waters, you called from the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep,
And over the eons you called to each thing,
Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness
Blow through the wilderness
Calling and free
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness
Stir me from placidness
Wind, Wind on the sea

You swept through the desert,
You stung with the sand,
You goaded your people with a law and a land,
And when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
You spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness
Blow through the wilderness

Calling and free
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness
Stir me from placidness
Wind, Wind on the sea

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
You whispered in silenced 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.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness
Blow through the wilderness
Calling and free
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness
Stir me from placidness
Wind, Wind on the sea

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.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness
Blow through the wilderness
Calling and free
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness
Stir me from placidness
Wind, Wind on the sea

Call to Worship

One: Rushing Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!

Many: Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!

One: Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds

Many: Let us be prepared to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.

One: Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love.

Many: Make us people who will proclaim God's good news in all that we do. AMEN.

Opening Hymn [Open My Eyes That I May See ~ Joslin Grove Choral Society ~ lyric video](#)

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth thou sendest clear;
And while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Gathering Prayer

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A violent wind and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people. AMEN.

Gloria Patri

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

Anthem [Every Time I Feel The Spirit Moses Hogan](#)

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my
heart, I will pray
Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my
heart, I will pray

Upon the mountain when my Lord spoke
Out of His mouth came fire and smoke, fire
and smoke
Looked all around me, it looked so fine
I asked my Lord if all were mine, all were
mine, all were mine

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my
heart, I will pray
Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my
heart, I will pray
There ain't but one train, that runs this track
It runs to heaven, runs right back, runs right
back
Now my Lord does, just what He said
He heal the sick and raise the dead, raise
the dead, raise the dead

I will pray (Pray, I will pray)

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my
heart, I will pray
Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my
heart, I will

Readings From Scripture [Numbers 11:24-30](#) ; [Acts 2:1-21](#); [I Corinthians 12:4-13](#)
***“For the word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God Among Us, For the Word
of God Within Us, Thanks Be to God”***

Reflection: Ted

Paul says in the passage from First Corinthians today (verse 4), “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.”

When Paul wrote his first letter to the church in Corinth, things weren’t going well in the congregation. The city of Corinth in those days was a busy trading and commercial crossroad, a place where even on the best of days there was a lot of bargaining, haggling, and arguing going on. The disputatious nature of the city’s everyday market life had evidently spilled over into the church there. Infighting was threatening to tear the church apart, and Paul was upset.

Interestingly, we see in the reading from Numbers that the Spirit was also active back in Old Testament times and that, as in Corinth, the outcome wasn’t harmony and good will. At least one man incurs Moses’ rebuke for questioning the right of Eldad and Medad to prophesy under the influence of the Spirit. Likewise, when the Spirit descends on the apostles on the first Pentecost we see in the reading from Acts that everyone begins speaking in a different language, a result often viewed as a positive thing, an indication of the universality of the Spirit. However, as those who’ve tracked multilingual cultures know, the presence of multiple languages in a society has often been accompanied by disorder, confusion, and tribalistic hostility. Even in the Old Testament, in the Tower of Babel story (Genesis 11), multiple languages are seen as a sign of God’s displeasure with his creation, the product of pride and self-centeredness. The fire of the Spirit indicates enthusiasm for the word of God; but, it’s clear it also carries the risk of divisiveness, mistrust, and even violence. The Spirit is not something to trifle with.

There’s a famous Cherokee legend in which an elderly brave tells his grandson about the battle of two wolves. One is evil and the other good. He explains that the same fight is going on in everyone. The boy then asks, “Which wolf will win?” The elder responds, “The one you feed.”

Which wolf were Moses’ people and the members of the Corinthian church feeding? One of the many good things about TCC is the variety of talents and interests of its members that translate into the different ways people have contributed to TCC’s mission and various ministries. To date we’ve been spared the degree of division that plagued some of the biblical communities we’re looking at in today’s readings. But, hard and dangerous times such as these render both religious communities and nations particularly vulnerable to divisions.

And, these are hard and dangerous times. Historian Margaret Macmillan points out that history is full of junctures where, as she puts it, “the river of history changes direction.” We may well be at such a point: a point where, like the revolutions in France in the late 1700s, Russia in 1913, and in Europe of the 1930s, the pandemic will mark a time when “the river of history changes direction.” Macmillan goes on to say, “the coronavirus forces questions about what sort of future we want, what the proper role of government is, and what makes a healthy society. We face a choice: to build better ways of dealing domestically and internationally with this challenge (and prepare for inevitable future ones) or let our world become meaner and more selfish, divided, and suspicious.” Again, which wolf will we feed?

As we struggle to achieve a “new normal” in these dangerous times, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright reminds us in a recent piece for *The Economist* that there are good lessons to draw from an old 1951 sci-fi movie, “The Day the Earth Stood Still.” In that film, visitors from outer space threaten to destroy Earth unless East and West agree to halt their dangerous military rivalry. Tellingly, the aliens direct their warning to scientists on both sides, in whom they place more hope than politicians. Humanity can be saved, they suggest, only if ruled by reason; an awareness of common purpose must outweigh partisan political passions.

When the virus broke out early this year, UN Secretary General, António Guterres, urged combatants everywhere to suspend violent conflict. “There should be only one fight in our world today,” he declared, “our shared battle against covid-19.” The process of reopening doesn’t mean we should become careless about this virus, and part of that means being thoughtful and intentional, as author Dave Hollis reminds us, about which aspects of our previous “normal” collective life might not be so good to rush back to.

The Holy Spirit has always been understood as the force that animates Christian service to others. But, one of the impediments to healthy channeling of the Spirit is the kind of self-centeredness, the “bad wolf,” that’s behind the dysfunction we see especially in Moses and Paul’s communities of faith. The Spirit is experienced in a host of different ways from one person to another, ways that often aren’t in harmony with one another.

It’s sometimes hard to tell when the Spirit is speaking to us and when more self-centered forces may be at work. The Dalai Lama has said, “Self-centredness creates a distance from others, leading to dishonesty, fear and anger. This is how disturbing emotions work. While fear, hatred and anger are bad for our health, concern for others leads to self-confidence and inner strength, while helping to reduce anger.” If what we think of as the Spirit leads to the maladies the Dalai Lama cites, maladies that plagued some biblical communities of faith, we do well to question whether it’s really the Spirit that’s talking to us.

Let’s pray that the “good wolf” of compassion, care, and love of neighbor wins its struggle with the “bad wolf” inside each of us.

Hymn of Reflection [Come Down O Love Divine \(Hymn\) - Guildford Cathedral](#)

Joys and Concerns

Shirley Mills has passed away. Please keep Shirley and her family in your prayers (more details in the Trumpet Blast).

Anthem [Holy Ghost, With Light Divine: Aaron David Miller](#)

Holy Ghost, with light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.

Holy Ghost, with power divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
Long has sin without control
Held dominion o'er my soul.

Holy Ghost, with joy divine,

Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Bid my many woes depart,
Heal my wounded, bleeding heart.

Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down every idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone. Amen

Pastoral Prayer

Holy God,
you spoke the world into being.
Pour your Spirit to the ends of the earth,
that your children may return from exile
as citizens of your commonwealth,
and our divisions may be healed
by your word of love and righteousness. Amen.

A Prayer for a Time of Coronavirus

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/03/02/coronavirus-prayer>

Intercessions

Hear O Lord, we pray, our petitions of general intercession. We pray for the lonely, for the bereaved, for the sick, for the aged, for those who feel overwhelmed by personal problems. We ask, on their behalf, for the comfort of your presence.

We pray especially for those in need who are on our hearts and minds and lips this morning. We pray for all who are ill or who suffer from any affliction: physical, mental, or spiritual. Bring healing and comfort to them, their families, and to those who care for them and to others who love them.

Bless and protect from harm all workers who risk their health and their lives in the service of

others: first responders, police, doctors, nurses, and all others who work in the healing professions. We ask these things in the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Now praying together as Jesus taught us, we say,

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

Prayer Response - NCH 769 - *Hear Our Prayer, O God* -- [Audio version](#)

Hear Our Prayer, O God,
Hear our prayer, O God,
Incline Thine ear to us,
And Grant us your peace.

Closing Hymn [Spirit Of God Descend Upon My Heart\(flute-cellos\) - Hymn Lyrics & Music](#)

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,
wean it from sin, through all its pulses
move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

3 Teach me to feel that you are always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unceasing prayer.

4 Did you not bid us love you, God and
King,
love you with all our heart and strength and
mind?
I see the cross there teach my heart to
cling.
O let me seek you and O let me find!

5 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the fullness of the heaven-descended Dove;
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.
Psalter Hymnal, 1987

Choral Benediction [If Not Now, Tell Me When](#) [Carrie Newcomer](#)

(Heather: "Thanks, Patter!")

If not now, tell me when
 If not now, tell me when.
 We may never see this moment
 Or place in time again
 If not now, if not now, tell me when.

I see sorrow and trouble in this land
 I see sorrow and trouble in this land
 Although there will be struggle we'll make
 the change we can.
 If not now, tell me when.

I may never see the promised land.
 I may never see the promised land.
 And yet we'll take the journey
 And walk it hand in hand
 If not now, tell me when.

If not now, tell me when
 If not now, tell me when.
 We may never see this moment
 Or place in time again

If not now, if not now, tell me when.
 So we'll work it 'til it's done
 Every daughter every son,
 Every soul that ever longed for something
 better,
 Something brighter.

It will take a change of heart for this to
 mend.
 It will take a change of heart for this to
 mend.
 But miracles do happen every shining now
 and then
 If not now, tell me when?

If not now,
 Tell me when.
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 and then.
 If not now tell me when.
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Pastoral Benediction

God, out of great love, has created you. Jesus Christ, out of great love, has redeemed you. The Holy Spirit, out of great love, has lifted and inspired you to go in peace and service throughout God's world, proclaiming the good news of peace, love, hope, and joy to all. Go in peace.
 AMEN.

Postlude (to be listened to in quiet contemplation for as long as you want, whenever you want) [Holy Spirit Instrumental Pentecost Worship Music](#) 🙏 [Popular Hillsong Instrumental Piano & Guitar Music](#)



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