

May 30, 2021

Hope in the Spirit



Piano Prelude May Song - *E. Granados*
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - *arr. B. Edstrom*

Welcome

Call to Worship

*The Holy Spirit gives us life
and the power to become new people!*

The winds of the spirit have given us breath.

The fire of the spirit has given us a love for God and each other.

*Come in faithfulness,
ready for the holy surprises that God's spirit brings!*

**We open our lives to the presence of God,
trusting that we live in freedom and grace.**

Hymn **625** – *Seek Ye First*

Videoed Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Come, Great Spirit theworkofthepeople.com

Pardon

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sung response 400 (v.1)

**Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.**

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fall afresh on me.**

Creativity and Spirituality Moment

Rukhshana Surty

Sung response 400 (v.2)

**Spirit of the living God,
move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind;
make us one in love.**

Scripture Readings

Romans 8:22-27

John 3:1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn **667** (v.1, 3, 4) – *God, You Touch the Earth with Beauty*

Sermon – *Hope in the Spirit*

Hymn **392** (v.1, 2, 4) – *O Holy Dove of God Descending*

Prayers of the People

God of new life,

Hear us as we pray.

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Hymn **399** (v.1, 4) – *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

Benediction

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Amen, amen, alleluia, amen.

Organ Postlude Te Deum - *M.A. Charpentier*



*This morning, we give thanks to Jennifer Kendall-Dupont, our worship leader
and to Charlotte Adams for leading our hymns.*

Hymns

Hymn 625 – *Seek Ye First*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

**We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia!**

Hymn 667 (v.1, 3, 4) – *God, You Touch the Earth with Beauty*

**God, you touch the earth with beauty;
make my heart anew;
with your Spirit recreate me,
pure and strong and true.**

**Like your dancing waves in sunlight,
make me glad and free;
like the straightness of the pine trees,
upright let me be.**

**Like the arching of the heavens,
lift my thoughts above;
turn my dreams to noble action,
ministries of love.**

Hymn 392 (v.1, 2, 4) – *O Holy Dove of God Descending*

**O holy Dove of God descending,
you are the love that knows no ending;
all of our shattered dreams you're mending:
Spirit, now live in me.**

**O holy Wind of God now blowing,
you are the seed that God is sowing;
you are the life that starts us growing:
Spirit, now live in me.**

O holy Flame of God now burning,
you are the power of Christ returning;
you are the answer to our yearning:
Spirit, now live in me.

Hymn 399 (v.1, 4) – *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 to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep,
and over the aeons
you called to each thing:
wake 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 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.*

Scripture Readings

Romans 8:22-27 (NRSV)

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

John 3:1-10 (NRSV)

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"