



## May 31, 2020 Online Worship Resource

### Call to Worship

*from Psalm 104*

How wonderful are your works, O Lord!

**In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

You send forth your spirit, and they are created;

**and so you renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

**may God rejoice in all his works.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

**I will praise my God while I have being.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

### Hymn: Spirit of God

Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,

Blow as you always do, create us anew.

Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,

Held in Your hands, borne on Your wings.

Refrain: Alleluia, Come, Spirit come! Alleluia, Come, Spirit come!

Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,

Healing upon your wings for all living things;

For when we live Your peace, captives will find release,

Held in Your hands, borne on Your wings. (Refrain)

Spirit of God in all, we gladly hear your call,

the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings;

Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,

Held in Your hands, borne on Your wings. (Refrain)

### Call to Confession

God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. In trust and gratitude, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins. Let us pray...

### **Confession**

**God of new creation, I confess that I have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By your Spirit, you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, I dishonor your generosity by judging those in need and withholding compassion and mercy. I betray your kindness by dealing impatiently with others. Forgive me, Lord. By the power of your Holy Spirit renew my heart and free me from sin that I may enjoy the fullness of your blessings upon all creation.**

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Brothers and sisters, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance.

**Grateful for God's mercy, I am restored to new life. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

#### **Passing the Peace**

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **Children's Time**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Holy Spirit, come again. As long ago you inspired, astonished, and confused the people, come to us now to fill our ears with the sound of your breath, fill our eyes with the brilliance of your presence, fill our hearts with your good Word. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

#### **Scripture**

**Acts 2:1-13 and Genesis 11:1-9**

**Acts 2:1-13 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

*The Coming of the Holy Spirit*

*2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

*5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9*

*Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”*

### **Genesis 11:1-9 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

#### *The Tower of Babel*

*11 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. 2 And as they migrated from the east,[a] they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. 3 And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. 4 Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” 5 The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. 6 And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. 7 Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” 8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. 9 Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused[b] the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sermon**

#### **Up the Down Staircase**

#### **Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

Refrain: 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 eons You called to each thing, "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." (Refrain)

You swept through the desert; You stung with the sand; and you goaded Your people with a law and a land.  
When they were confounded with idols and lies, then You spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. (Refrain)

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.  
(Refrain)

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, we have opened our hands to you, and our hands have been filled with good things. Receive our gifts which we give in gratitude for your care for us, and help us to bless you with the dedication of our lives; through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

#### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### **Benediction**