



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 28, 2023

10:00 am

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**please stand as you are able, in body or spirit*

Bold indicates congregational response.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

They gathered in quiet . . .

And then the wind picked up,

And their hair got ruffled,

**And the Spirit, like little flames,
danced above their heads,**

And they all started talking in all sorts of languages.

It was loud and strange,

It was not quiet or peaceful, but –

**In the midst of confusion,
they knew that God was behind it all.**

God is here, too; let us worship God!

**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.**

**1 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)**

**3 You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence 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. (Refrain)**

**4 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 PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God, Holy Breath, Wind, Flame, Spirit: Set our

hearts on fire. Burn off all that is dry and lifeless, and grow us anew. Let your Spirit dance within our spirits, uprooting us when we have been unmoved, and refreshing all that is stale in our lives. Breathe on us your peace, that we will share that peace with all we meet. And hear the silent prayers of our hearts.

Silence

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Kyrie eleison.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

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In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

THE WORD WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

GOSPEL* – John 20:19-23

Alex Aning

OFFERING OF MUSIC “*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*” Adult Choir

NEW TESTAMENT – Acts 2:1-21

SERMON “*To Whom Does the Spirit Come?*” Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE*

How do we receive the Holy Spirit?

By receiving the Word of God. As the midwife of the new creation, the Spirit arrives with the Word,

**brings us to rebirth, and assures us of eternal life.
The Spirit nurtures, corrects, and strengthens us
with the pure spiritual milk of the Word.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN*

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

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**Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of
living.**

**As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit,
open my heart.**

**1 God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and
tender.**

**All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.
(Refrain)**

**2 Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my
story.**

**In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring
you glory. (Refrain)**

**3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister,
brother.**

**In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.
(Refrain)**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE,*

Go with God. Go with God.

As you leave this place, go with God.

God will direct your way. God will light every day.

As you leave this place, go with God.

POSTLUDE (Please be seated during the Postlude)