



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH EAST

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Day of Pentecost

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GATHERING MUSIC: “Spirit Medley” Arranged by Mark Hayes

GREETING: Pastor Gregg Townsend

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: “Breathe on Me”

Huesmann & Cunningham

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Leader: God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh, and our daughters and sons shall prophesy. Our old ones shall dream dreams, and our young ones shall see visions; and all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered.

All: Come, let us call upon the name of the Lord.

—based on Acts 2:17-21

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creator, at the beginning you hovered over the waters; you breathe life into all creatures.

All: Come into us, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Comforter, by you we are born again as children of God; you make us living temples of your presence; you pray within us with prayers too deep for words.

All: Come into us, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, you are light, you bring us light; you are goodness and the source of all goodness.

All: Come into us, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy Spirit, breath of life, you sanctify and breathe life into the whole body of the church; you dwell in each one of its members, and you will one day give new life to our mortal bodies.

All: Come into us, Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING PRAISE: “Spirit”

**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:
Wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

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

**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.
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. **(Chorus)**

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. **(Chorus)**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

All: Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death.

All: And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in us.

—from Romans 8:1-2, 11, NIV

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 7:18-35

MESSAGE

RESPONDING IN SONG: “Holy Spirit”

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your word to come alive in me. Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit come abide within may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace, breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit from creation's birth giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice.
That in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

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PASTORAL 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.

CLOSING SONG: "In the Secret"

In the secret, in the quiet place; in the stillness You are there.
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You 'cause I want to know You more.

**I want to know You. I want to hear Your voice. I want to know You more.
I want to touch You. I want to seek Your face. I want to know You more.**

I am reaching for the highest goal that I might receive the prize.
Pressing onward pushing every hindrance aside out of my way, 'cause I want to know You more.
(Chorus)

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WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER AND DEVOTION

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