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Prelude: "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" by Michael Burkhardt

Organist: Lois Theesfield

Acolyte: Emilia Stage

Call to Worship: Veni Sancte Spiritus (Holy Spirit Come To Us)

Presenters: Sarah & Lily Miller

Welcome/Greeting

Litany for Pentecost

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God, today we give thanks for the good gift of Your Holy Spirit, our helper.

Come Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of God present among us.

Come Holy Spirit.

As on the day of Pentecost, when Your spirit rested on Your followers as tongues of fire,

Rest on us now, Oh God

As they were filled with the spirit and began to speak and prophesy,

Fill us now, Oh God.

Just as Jesus promised, just as the Father has promised,

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us,

Empowering us to proclaim good news to the poor

Release for prisoners

To exchange beauty for ashes

Joy for mourning

A spirit of praise instead of despair.

Come Holy Spirit.

We are your church, your body on earth, who trust in the Resurrected Christ,

And in the Holy Spirit of God, here with us now.

Amen

Prayer of the Day

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading - Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader: Jim Stage

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."



Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Presenters: Sarah & Lily Miller

Second Reading - Acts 2:1-21

Reader: Jim Stage

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Gospel Acclamation: "Spirit, Open Our Hearts"

Vocalists: Sarah & Lily Miller

Gospel Reading - John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The Gospel according to John

Glory to You, O Lord

[Jesus said,] ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,



was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Prayer

Words of Institution

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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Benediction

So now we leave this space of worship
And while so much of the road ahead is uncertain,
the path constantly changing,
we know some things that are as solid and sure
as the ground beneath our feet,
and the sky above our heads.

We know God is love.

We know Christ's light endures.

We know the Holy Spirit this there,
found in the space between all things,
closer to us than our next breath,
binding us to each other,
until we meet we again,

Go in peace.

*~ submitted by Rev. Nora Vedress, Calvary United
Church in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada.*

Sending Song: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" ACS #942
Vocalists: Sarah & Lily Miller

Words of Dismissal

Postlude: Fanfare in C Major by Charles Ore with "O Day Full of Grace"
Organist: Lois Theesfield

Announcements

Celebration of Graduates - Sunday May, 30

Join us in person or online as we bless our graduating seniors next Sunday, May 30. Online registration to attend this service will open Monday, May 24.


7th & 8th Grade Confirmation

Seventh and 8th grade students and their parents will continue their Confirmation journey this week with a focus on the Lord's Prayer. We will meet Wednesday, May 26 in Fellowship Hall from 6:00pm - 6:45pm. Participation through Zoom will also be available (please contact Pastor Kathleen for the link).

Stay Connected

Join us online! We need your help in growing our communities on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram. Here's how you can find us:

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First Communion

Any kids currently finishing up 2nd or 3rd grade are invited to attend a First Communion class with their parents this summer. ALL ages interested in learning about Holy Communion are also invited to attend!

Class: Saturday, June 12, 10:00am - 11:30am

First Communion Celebration: Sunday, June 13 during 9:00am worship

Class: Saturday, August 28, 10:00am - 11:30am

First Communion Celebration: Sunday, August 29 during 9:00am worship

2021-22 Faith Formation Committee

Sunday School Superintendent Kim Stieler is looking for individuals to serve on the Faith Formation Committee to plan next year's Sunday School, Bible studies, and other activities. Contact Kim at amunsonk@gmail.com or 515-450-2650.

Holy Communion

Pastor Kathleen will be offering Holy Communion at the following times this week. Sign up online via SignUpGenius, or call the church office at 515-382-6509.

Thursday, May 27 11:00am	Saturday, May 29 10:00am
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Executive/Council Meetings

The Executive Committee will meet this Thursday, May 27 at 6:30pm in Room 201. The Council will meet Thursday, June 3 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

Memorial Offers Giving by Text

Use your smartphone and credit or debit card to support the General Fund via text message. The number to text to is: **515-808-5325**. Simply place a dollar sign (\$) and an amount in the body of the text to get started.#

Prayers for Healing

If you have a prayer request, please email pastorkathleen@mlcnevada.org or emily@mlcnevada.org, or call the church office at 515-382-6509. #

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