

## Scriptural Meditation

*Those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> You didn't receive a spirit that makes you a slave to fear once again. Instead you received the Holy Spirit, who makes you God's child. By the Spirit's power we call God "Abba." Abba means Father.* Romans 8:14-15

## ~Gathering the Family of God~

## The Peal of Our Church Bell

## Welcome and Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

**Prelude** *Veni Creator Spiritus* (278) arr. by Hal Hopson

## Call to Worship

One: With tongues of flame, the Holy Spirit descends to burn in our hearts anew.

**All: Unite us, Holy Spirit!**

One: Like the rush of wind, we sense God's presence blowing afresh throughout the world.

**All: Unite us, Holy Spirit!**

One: Across the barriers of language and culture, Christ's message of love and grace is heard.

**All: Unite us, Holy Spirit!**

One: Divine Advocate, we seek your guidance as we search for the Spirit of Truth.

**All: Unite us, Holy Spirit! Amen.**

## Prayer of Invocation

\* **Gathering Song** *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* # 280

## Prayer of Reconciliation

*Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God.*

**All: Lord God, you know us too well. You know that we would be like the disciples following the crucifixion and even the resurrection. We would rather hide and mutter and weep, than proclaim the power of your love. The world is a difficult place. We fear so much. We want people to like us, and so we hold back on our proclamation of our faith. We don't want to offend anyone. But your love and presence are not offensive. They are empowering and healing. Bring your holy fire upon us this day to ignite a spark of joy in our hearts and our voices. Bring the power of your rushing wind through our spirits that we may be turned in new directions for service and witness. We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

\***A Time for Contemplation** (a private time for you and God)

## \*Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God's awesome love is offered to you, even when you fear or are unsure of your faith. Know that God is with you. Be not afraid. Hallelujah! Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \*Gloria Patri

# 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

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## God's Word for Little Ears

## Heifer Project

## Recognition of Birthdays and Anniversaries

A Song of Blessing (Adapted from an Irish Blessing, Tune: *Amazing Grace*)

**All: May joy and peace surround you, contentment at your door, And happiness be with you now, God bless you evermore.**

## ~Hearing God's Word~

## Prayer for Understanding God's Word

**All: Holy Spirit, we are not ready for you, but we know that you are ready for us—ready to change our lives if we will let you. As we listen now help us to prepare by setting our hearts on fire with love; by blowing away our fears and doubts; by tuning our ears to the rich diversity of language and culture around the world; by opening our eyes to the amazing beauty and power of your creation; by breathing into us the joy and hope of the resurrected Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## First Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:1-8, 12-21

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One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

*Spirit, Now Live in Me*

by Bryan Jeffrey Leech

1-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.*

2-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.*

3-O holy Rain of God now falling, You make the Word of God enthralling,

You are that inner voice now calling: *Spirit, now live in me.*

4-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.*

[Text: BJL]

## New Testament Epistle

Romans 8:14-17

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One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Lesson

John 14:1-27

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One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Message

Clarity in the Mist of Confusion

Pastor Kim Nelson

## ~Responding to God's Word~

## \*Affirmation of Faith

*Let us stand and affirm our faith.*

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the**

only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

[Nicene Creed, p. 34 in the Hymnal]

### Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

### Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

*Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.*

**Offertory** *Ancient Melody* by Vincent Novello

**\*Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow/Doxology*

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host,**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:**

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### Prayers of the People followed by Pastoral Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

**~Going Forth to Serve God~**

### Life in Our Church Community

**\*Song of Sending Forth** *Great God of Every Blessing* # 694

### \*Benediction

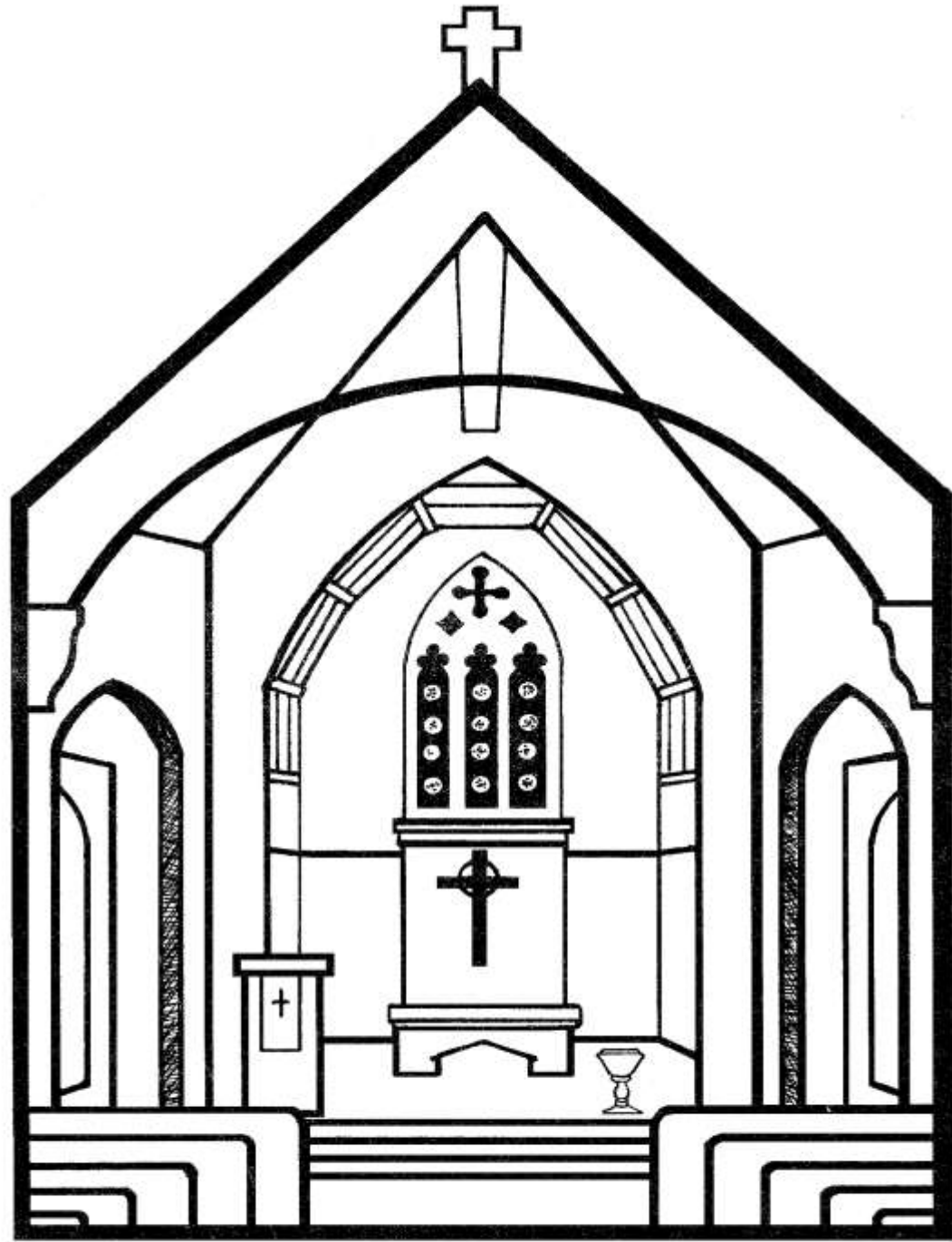
**\*Postlude** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. by Mark Hayes

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\*Please stand, if you are able.

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