

Service for the Lord's Day

— Gathering —

WELCOME

Rev. Michele R. Goff

INTROIT

“Heaven on Earth”

Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, Carol Scoggins

Do you hear it,

the sound of rushing wind beginning to fill this house?

Do you see it,

the glowing pillars of fire reflecting in every pair of eyes?

Do you feel it,

God moving in this place, calling us to worship?

The spirit has come! The church is born!

Let us worship God with thanksgiving!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters.

From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith.

You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples;

you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create;

you give gifts—the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety,

the spirit of the fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may be transformed.

Come, Holy Spirit!

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True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift:

Send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind.

Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom.

Loosen our tongues to show your praise,

for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace

and acclaim Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN #288

“Spirit of the Living God”

CONFESSION

Carol Scoggins

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin together.

O God, as your Spirit filled the church on the first Pentecost day, so fill this house of worship with your presence, and fill us with your passion. You are doing a new thing, actively moving in the world. Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been written. You hear the prayers of every language and call us to hear each other. Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit only spoke our native tongue. Wash us in your grace, O God, and illumine us with your fire. Send us out to follow your spirit and teach us to hear the prayers of all your people.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carol Scoggins

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1—14

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

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:1—21

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

GOSPEL

John 15:26—John 16:15

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL READING & SERMON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

— Response —

HYMN #292

“As the Wind Song”

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

Rev. Michele R. Goff

All authority and power and dominion to the name that is above all names—

Jesus Christ our Lord—now and in the age to come. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol Scoggins

In the blessed hope of the resurrection, we pray to the Lord of endless life, saying:

By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the church . . .

Life-giving God, we pray for the world . . .

Life-giving God, we pray for this community . . .

Life-giving God, we pray for loved ones . . .

Eternal God, show forth in us and in our world the good news of your having power and love, so that all may believe and have life in you; through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed. **Amen**