

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Spirit of the Living God

*DOXOLOGY #607

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

—Sending—

*HYMN # 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

We will not always get this human story right.

But – even in silence – God never abandons us.

We are a people made for delight, and joy, and justice.

We are called very good.

We will walk with integrity.

We will speak with courage.

Blessed by God, we will change this world – and ourselves – for the better.

In the name of God in community, Three-in-One, may it be so. Amen.

POSTLUDE Selected Hymn

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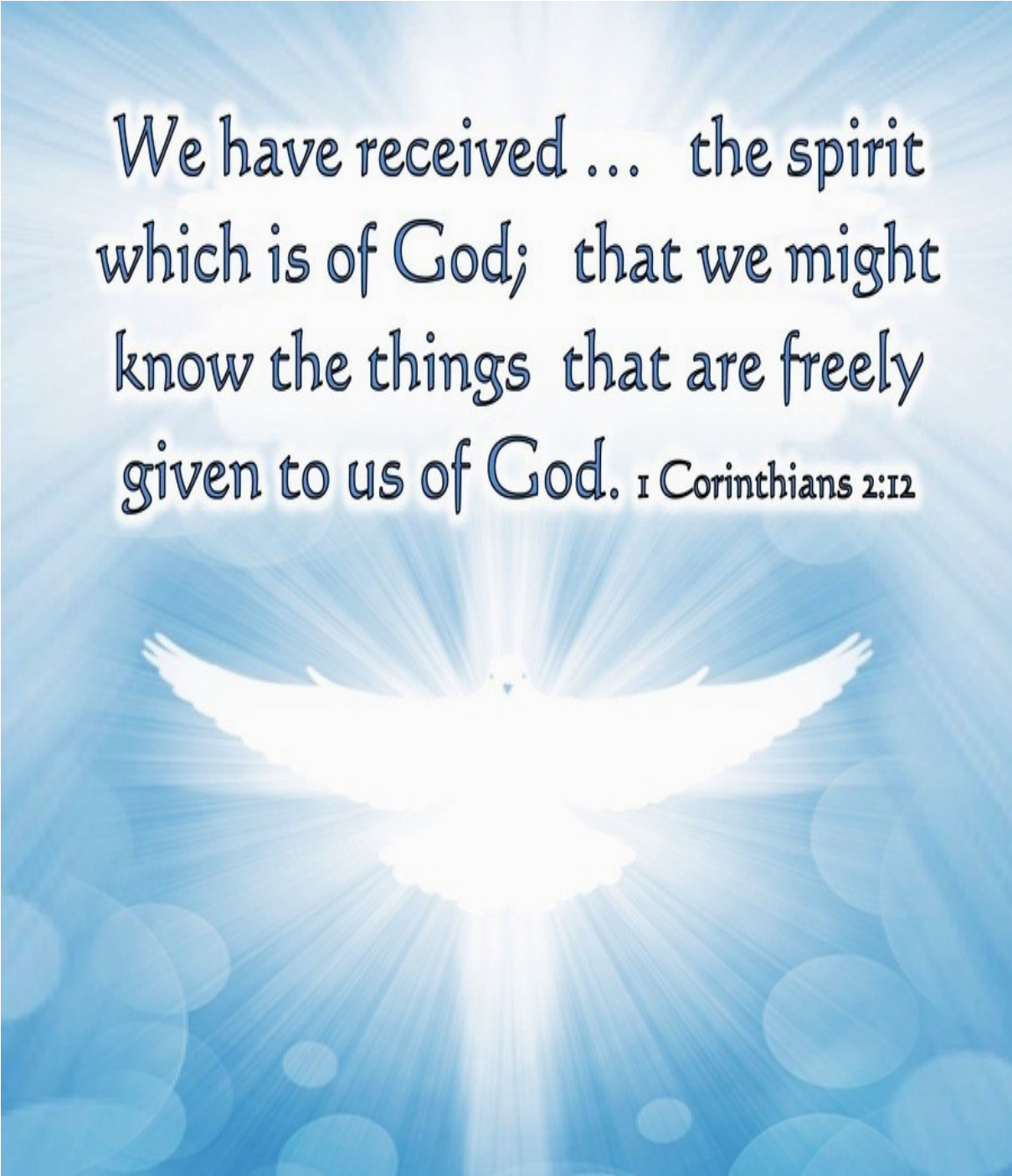


*Serving God,
Honoring Creation,
Embracing Differences*



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Music Recording..... Jack Brooks

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September 29, 2024 19th Sunday after Pentecost

(*) Please rise in body or in spirit
Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Selected Hymn

WELCOME

Liturgist: Jan Pennal

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (adapted from Psalm 124:8)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

In speaking, in silence, in movement, in stillness, God is with us.

God alone saves us. God alone helps us. God alone sets us on the path of peace.

Let us worship our Helper !

***HYMN #331** God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

CONFESSION

We long to gloss over the messy parts of our stories: the deceit, the anger and the heavy grudges. But nothing is hidden from God. We come before God and one another with complete honesty, naming our sins that we might reclaim our name as God's beloved children.

God, do you go silent when we perpetuate cycles of retaliation and violence? Does your silence mock our own silence in the face of unchecked weaponization and loss of life?

Forgive us for our failure to speak out and speak up for the victims of violence in our midst and around the world. Open our ears and hearts to hold space for your voice to return to us: the voice of a better way of healing and hope for all people. Show us this faithful path and give us the courage to walk in it, even if for the very first time. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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.*

—Word—

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalms 112:1-9

Bible p. 532, LG p. 692

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1Corinthians 2:1-12

Bible p.156, LG p. 202-203

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Head Heart Challenge

Rev. Evan Dolive

—Response—

***HYMN # 286**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (A Brief Statement of Faith)

*We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
Everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
Sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
And binds us together with all believers
In the one body of Christ, the church.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.*