



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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Pentecost, May 31, 2020

During **PENTECOST** we celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the ministry of the Word.

Currently we are in the middle of a three part series on how God speaks to us.

This service will be held online using Zoom. A recorded copy of the service will also be posted on the WCRC website and be sent out for viewing any time.

Preacher: Rev. Vicki Cok

Worship Leader: Scott Lammers

Pianist: Pam Joosse

Liturgy: Dave Jaarsma

Welcome and Announcements

We Gather for Worship

Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day when the Spirit came.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

And again I say—

Rejoice!

Song of Praise: LUYH #228 – **Send Us Your Spirit**

Refrain

Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit,
renew the face of the earth.

Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit,
renew the face of the earth.

- 1 Come to us, Spirit of God;
breathe in us now, we sing together.
Spirit of hope and of light, fill our lives;
come to us, Spirit of God. ***Refrain***
- 2 Fill us with the fire of your love;
burn in us now; bring us together.
Come to us, dwell in us, change our lives, O Lord;
come to us, Spirit of God. ***Refrain***
- 3 Send us the wings of new birth;
fill all the earth with the love you have taught us.
Let all creation now be shaken with love;
come to us, Spirit of God. ***Refrain***

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

Holy God,
we come before you
acknowledging our need for renewal,
and so we pray: send us your Spirit.

Sung Refrain: LUYH #228 – **Send Us Your Spirit, refrain only**

Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit,
renew the face of the earth.
Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit,
renew the face of the earth.

Your word says that if we love you
and keep your commandments,
you will send your Spirit, the Spirit of truth.
We must confess that we have not kept your commandments.
We have failed to do what you ask of us.
Sometimes we have intentionally disobeyed you.
Sometimes we have tried so hard to resist temptation,
but we failed yet again.
Sometimes we didn't even realize we were doing wrong
until we saw the hurt it caused
or until your Spirit convicted us.
We don't deserve it, but still we pray: send us your Spirit.

Sung Refrain: LUYH #228 – **Send Us Your Spirit, refrain only**

Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit,
renew the face of the earth.
Come, Lord Jesus, send us your Spirit,
renew the face of the earth.

Holy God, forgive us.
Help us to listen to the teaching of the Holy Spirit,
to heed its promptings that we feel within us,
and to pay attention
to the words spoken through other people.
Open our eyes to the Spirit's work
in the world around us,
and embolden us to join in that work.

Holy God,
forgive us, renew us, and send us your Spirit.

Children's Story: "God Sends Help" (pages 326-29, The Children's Storybook Bible)

Assurance of Pardon

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything,
and remind you of all that I have said to you.
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. (John 14:26-37)

Song of Assurance: LUYH #755 – **Speak, O Lord**

- 1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness—
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all your purposes for your glory.

- 2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.
- 3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built,
and the earth is filled with your glory.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

May the Word of God, this morning,
burn in our minds, our wills, our feelings,
as we sense the light and heat of your presence in that Word.
Speak to us, O burning power of God! Amen.

Scripture Reading: **John 14:15-27**

Concluded with "This is the word of the Lord" and "**Thanks be to God**"

Sermon: **Spirit of Truth**

Moment of Silent Meditation

*Take a moment to reflect on what God's word might mean for your life or on a truth that spoke to you.
Please be still until after the pianist concludes this time of silence.*

We Respond with Gratitude

Song of Response: LUYH #746 – **Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

- 1 Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to 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.
- 2 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 striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

- 3 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.

Prayers of the People (using Chat)

We will conclude this time of prayer with the Lord's Prayer:

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.***

Offering: **Resonate Global Mission – Naji Umran & Anne Zaki**

Diaconal Prayer

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Closing Prayer

Almighty God,
you sent your only Son, to die for our sins.
You sent your Holy Spirit to empower the disciples
on the day of Pentecost.
Help us to be your witnesses, filled with the Holy Spirit,
in obedience to the teachings of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Closing Song: LUYH #782 – **In God the Father I Believe**

- 1 In God the Father I believe,
almighty Lord of all,
who made the heavens and the earth:
his name be praised in awe.
And I believe in Jesus Christ,
the Father's only Son,
conceived by the Holy Ghost,
of virgin Mary born;
- 2 who suffered when he stood condemned
by Pontius Pilate's code;
was crucified, was dead, as he
himself had long foretold.
Our Lord was buried in a tomb,
descended into hell;
but on the third day he arose
again on earth to dwell.

- 3 Ascending into heaven above,
he sits at God's right hand;
from there he shall return to judge
the living and the dead.
In God the Spirit I believe,
who guides a holy church,
the universal body that
victorious shall emerge.
- 4 I do believe that all the saints
must now commune in love,
and that, redeemed by Jesus' blood,
our sins are pardoned us.
And at life's end my body frail,
upraised from earthly strife,
is resurrected and renewed
in everlasting life.
Amen.

Benediction and Choral "**Amen, Amen, Amen**"

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