

Elim Lutheran Church
Sunday, May 31, 2020
Recorded Worship



WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless the Lord, our God!

All: Who sends us the Spirit:

Leader: The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

All: The Spirit of counsel and might,

Leader: The Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.

All: Bless the Lord, our God!

OPENING SONG: COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;

3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.

let that grãce nõw likẽ a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass clef, providing harmonic support for the voice line.

While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord,

**All: You send your Spirit to disciples of all times and places.
May our ears be tuned to discern your voice
and act on the gifts you have given us,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
Amen.**

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-21

Leader: A reading from the book of Acts

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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:

¹⁷In 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.'

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23

Pastor: The holy gospel according to John

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Temple authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson

HYMN OF THE DAY: SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADER: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

LEADER: Among the flurry of voices vying for our attention, help us discern your truth, O God. Give us your Spirit's insight that we may listen and speak with sound judgment. God of wisdom,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: We can experience the presence of your Spirit in all living things if we tune our hearts accordingly. May we fully embrace and inhabit your creation in ways which inspire us to nurture and protect the natural world which you have lovingly made. God of wisdom,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: On this day when the Church celebrates its birthday, we rejoice for the witness of generations before us, and for the opportunity to carry on their mission in your name. Keep us honest, true and full of integrity as we pilot the Church throughout this new century. God of wisdom,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: There are many whom we know need the healing presence of your Spirit this day. Bless them and use us to minister to them, that all might be restored to wholeness. We lift up this day especially, Phil, Lauren, Karin, Robin, Ruth, Mercedes, Sue, Sigrun, Shirley, Gene, Nancy, Christina, Irene, Diane, Pat, Elinor, Dorine, Richard, those battling the coronavirus and those we name silently and aloud (*brief silence*). May they know that their lives are in your ever-healing hands. God of wisdom,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: We celebrate the fellowship we share with all your saints of every time and place, united by one eternal Spirit. Bind us together in permanent bonds of love, and secure us a place with them in your heavenly kingdom. God of wisdom,

ALL: hear our prayer.

LEADER: O God, bless all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds, this week. Fill our hearts with love and acceptance. God of wisdom,

ALL: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

LEADER: Accept these prayers we bring, O God. Inspire us to go out and be the answer which the world is seeking, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

ALL: Amen.

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 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**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY COMMUNION

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SPECIAL MUSIC: Joanna Charles - *"Simple Gifts"*

"Simple Gifts" is a Shaker song written and composed in 1848, generally attributed to Elder Joseph Brackett from Alfred Shaker Village. (Public Domain)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Life-giving God,
All: **You have fed us with your word,
and our hearts burn within us.
Through this meal you have opened us to your presence.
Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

BLESSING

Response after blessing: Amen

SENDING SONG: SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter rest. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same musical structure and lyrics.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

The third system features a treble staff with a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass staff continues with accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me."

Spir - it of the liv - ing God fall a - fresh on me.

The fourth system concludes the hymn with the same melody and accompaniment as the previous systems, ending with a double bar line.

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SENDING

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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(In place of our regular online service)



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