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Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM

*If you are a guest, thank you for worshiping with us today. We invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the basket at the end of the pews. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back of the sanctuary where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We also have nursery care downstairs during our 10:30 AM worship service. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

*We pray God's blessing upon you. For today's service, we will be using the black hymnal.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Let Thy Holy Spirit Guide*

by Combs

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Almighty God, maker of all that is – seen and unseen – you invite us into your church with passion and you instill energy into us.

**People: Consume us in your Spirit, O God, and forge us into the church.**

Leader: You sent your Holy Spirit at Pentecost, with tongues of fire descending upon the disciples so that they might speak to the world.

**People: Breathe on us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and let us speak of your glory.**

Leader: Through your Spirit you have changed us, you have changed the world, and you have unsettled that which was once complacent.

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

People: Disrupt us with the wind of your Spirit, O God, and let us be your hands and feet for change.

Leader: In the midst of all this energy and fire, You promise us the refreshment that comes with your Grace which flows unending like water from a spring.

People: Quench us with your grace and fill us to overflowing with your love, O God, and let us praise you with joy and inspiration!

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 272** (black hymnal)

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

**\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**ALL:** Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, we do not speak the good news of your love, and we do not live as people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 84 (black hymnal, v. 3)

*This Is the Day*

**ALL SING:** This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came; we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day when the Spirit came, we will rejoice and be glad in it; This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.

**STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING**

CALL TO SPECIAL OFFERING

*Strengthen the Church Video*

OFFERTORY

*Holy Spirit, Rain Down*

by Fragar

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SCRIPTURE**

*Acts 2: 1-21*

**MESSAGE**

**MIDDLE HYMN NO. 264** (black hymnal)

*Holy Spirit Come, Confirm Us*

\*Those for whom it is comfortable, please rise.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

### OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Confirmation Slideshow*

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 524 (black hymnal, vs. 1 & 2)

*This Little Light of Mine*

ALL SING: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN NO 286 (black hymnal)

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Plaza Las Glorias*

by Janzer

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One vase of altar flowers is presented in memory of our daughter, Amy Loucks Covert, by Les and Doris Loucks.

One vase of altar flowers is presented in honor of Ken and Deb Barshinger's 38th wedding anniversary, their birthdays, and the birthday of their granddaughter, Isabella, from Matt, Jason, & Jen.

The bulletins are presented in honor of my brother, Dick, and my best friend, Sherry who are both dealing with a cancer diagnosis, by Diane & Don Strine.

Thank you to the Worship Choir for participating in the 10:30 AM service today!

Today in worship we will confirm four young people into the Christian faith. We thank God that their journey has led them to make this profession of faith. Please join us in congratulating Holt Dallam, Emily Merritt, Jordyn Myers, and Gianna Vacante.

We offer a hearing assistance system called *Listen Technologies*. If you would like to use a receiver, please check with the volunteers at the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

8 AM Worship Tech: Dave Strine

8 AM Welcome Team: Becky & Jerry Hester; Mary Jane Snyder & Tim Snyder

8 AM Sound Tech: Tom Mulligan

8 AM Video Tech: Denny Daugherty

<sup>1</sup>The prayer of confession was found on the "re-worship" website, at <https://re-worship.blogspot.ca/2013/04/prayer-of-confession-acts-2-1-21.html>. The prayer was originally posted on the PCUSA website at <http://www.pcusa.org/>

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# On Pentecost They Gathered

Acts 2:1-24, 32-47

Jane Parker Huber, 1981; rev. 1993



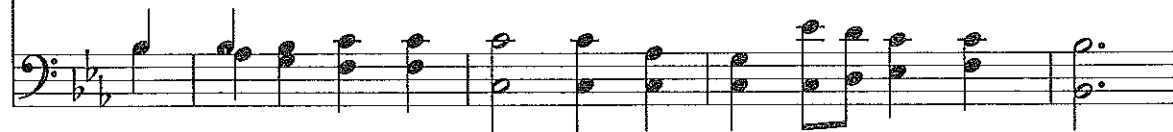
1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,  
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed  
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,  
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,



a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as God in Christ they praised.  
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.  
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,  
 What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?  
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.  
 O give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,



and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.  
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.  
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.



Jane Parker Huber explained that she wrote this text in 1981 "to fill a gap in current hymnody," in that "many of the hymns

Tune: MUNICH 7.6.7.6.D.  
 Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

hu - man hearts, and sin and sor - row cease.  
 great good news: God's love ex - tends to all.  
 use their gifts to see your will is done.  
 grace to reach cre - a - tion's glo - rious goal!

Henry Hallam Tweedy served Congregational churches in New York and Connecticut from 1898 to 1909 before joining the faculty of Yale University Divinity School.

Tune: ST. MATTHEW C.M.D.  
 William Croft, 1708

## Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us

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Brian Foley, 1971; alt.

John 14:25-27; 15:26-16:15

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, come, con - firm us in the  
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, come, con - sole us, come as  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, come, re - new us, come your -  
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, come, ful - fill us, you the

truth that Christ makes known; We have faith and un - der -  
 ad - vo - cate to plead; Lov - ing Spir - it stand be -  
 self to make us live; Make us ho - ly through your  
 love of Three in One; Bring our lives to full com -

stand - ing through your help - ing gifts a - lone.  
 side us, grant in Christ the help we need.  
 pres - ence, ho - ly through the gifts you give.  
 ple - tion through your work in us be - gun.

Author Brian Foley has served as a Roman Catholic priest in his native England since 1945. This text is a distillation of several scriptural passages, an example of his conviction that hymns

Tune: FOR THE BREAD 8.7.&.7.  
 V. Earle Copes, 1960

# Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Unison, brightly*  
*Refrain*

*James K. Manley, 1978; alt.*

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D *Last time, end*

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the  
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a  
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

*\*Reduced-size notes may be played with organ pedals in lieu of or in combination with the other notes.*

(CONTINUED)

("SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS". . .CONTINUED)

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you  
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their  
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you  
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -  
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -  
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -  
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."  
 ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 ple on the rush of the wind.  
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

*This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waiiokeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth*

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.  
 James K. Manley, 1978  
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993