

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

I Believe in the Holy Spirit

GATHERING

Welcome (from HC #53)

L What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?

C **First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.**

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue 319) “Spirit”

Worship from the Psalms (Psalm 8, ESV)

A **O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

L You have set your glory above the heavens.

C **Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.**

L When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

C **What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?**

L Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

C **You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet:**

L All sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

C **The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

A **O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, love, and communion we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive us from sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. Amen.

Please take a moment and offer your silent personal prayers to God...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

The Heidelberg Catechism (from HC #70)

Q. What does it mean to be washed with Christ’s blood and Spirit?

A. To be washed with Christ’s blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins because of Christ’s blood poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross.

To be washed with Christ’s Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives.

Sermon Text Reading Acts 2 (video)

John 14:15-17, 25-27 (ESV), p. 1071

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ...

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 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. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Message

Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn

"Spirit of the Living God"

*Offering Prayer

Our offering is received in the offering plate on the back table in the sanctuary.

*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are responsive. When you hear the leader say:

Lord in your mercy,

Please respond,

Hear our prayer.

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

SENDING OUT

*Closing Hymn (Blue #326)

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

*Blessing and Benediction

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Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary.

You can give online using the **QR code** or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signups are on the table in the south alcove.



The **Sessions for Napoleon and Waterville** will be meeting together on Monday, August 10th at 5:00 p.m. here in Napoleon.

Our **Session** will meet on Monday, August 17th at 4:00 p.m.

Friendship Luncheon at Hill’s Family Restaurant is on Tuesday, August 18th at 11:00 a.m.

Toledo Mud Hens will have **Faith in the Stadium** on Sunday, August 23rd. The game starts at 2:00 p.m. and will be followed with a concert in the stadium.

Next Sunday we will be recognizing **Bruce’s 30th** year of being ordained.

Bruce will be at the **NWO Walk to Emmaus** from Thursday evening to Sunday evening but will be back for worship. He will be checking his phone for pastoral emergencies.

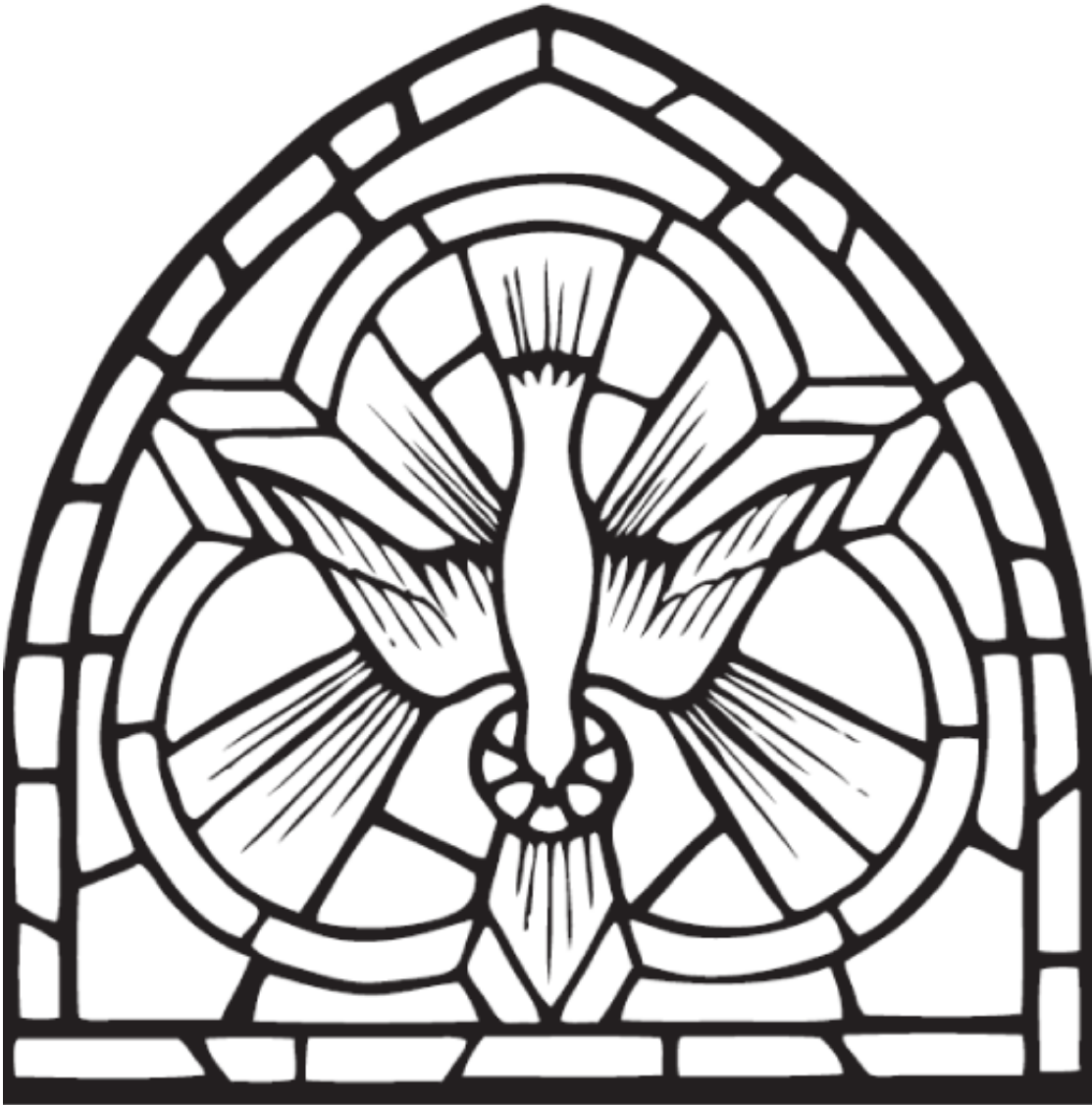
CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

VANCREST: Dollie Smith

BEACHWOOD: Connie Cobb

ALPINE VILLAGE: Sandy Johnson

PRAYER LIST: Carol Detmer, Sandee Scheweter, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder’s sister), Enoch Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall’s father), Jacob Clegg (Brenda Stough’s friend), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek’s Wife)



389 Spirit of the Living God

Live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. Galatians 5:16

1. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the
2. Soul of heav - en, heart of God, wash o - ver me. Soul of heav - en,
3. Ho - ly pres - ence, love di - vine, cast out my fear. Ho - ly pres - ence,

liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,
heart of God, wash o - ver me. Cleanse me, teach me, hold me,
love di - vine, cast out my fear. Shield me, free me, call me,

use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.
reach me. Soul of heav - en, heart of God, wash o - ver me.
lead me. Ho - ly pres - ence, love di - vine, cast out my fear.

Optional segue to "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart." No transition is necessary.

TEXT: Daniel Iverson, stanza 1; Lowell Alexander, stanzas 2, 3

MUSIC: Daniel Iverson

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BY HIS SPIRIT - A Worship Sequence

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Irregular meter

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
Written by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Performed by Keith and Kristyn Getty

On "Live at the Gospel Coalition"

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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

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 strivings
into works of grace
Breath of God, show Christ in all I
do

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
Will be clear for all the world to see