

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

How Great Our Joy Traditional melody (*arr. Paul Edward*)
Come, Holy Spirit Johann Sebastian Bach
Brother James' Air Searle Wright (*arr. Ron Ruvio*)
Come Down, O Love Divine. Herbert Sumsion
Duo Seraphim Jacob Handl (*arr. Erich Peterson*)

Introit

"Come, O Holy Spirit, Come" Nigerian melody
Come, O Holy Spirit, come; come, almighty Spirit, come.

*Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Litany for Pentecost

Leader: *God's Spirit joins with our spirits, Alleluia,*

All: to declare that we are children of God. Alleluia!

Leader: *Come, Spirit of wisdom, and teach us to value the highest gifts.*

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: *Come, Spirit of understanding, and show us all things
in the light of eternity.*

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: *Come, Spirit of counsel, and guide us along the path of wisdom
walked by the prophets.*

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: *Come, Spirit of might, and strengthen us against every evil spirit
and interest which would separate us from you.*

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: *Come, Spirit of knowledge, and teach us the shortness of life
and the length of eternity.*

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

**Stand as you are able.*

Leader: *Come, Spirit of godliness, and stir up our minds and hearts to love and serve the Lord our God all our days.*

All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Leader: *Come, Spirit of fear of the Lord, and make us tremble with awe and reverence before your divine majesty.*

All: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

*Hymn 289 “On Pentecost They Gathered”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

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, speak the good news of your love, or 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.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Anthem

“*Spiritus Domini*” Gerald Near
Alleluia, the Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, alleluia. I will not leave you comfortless, but I will see you again and your heart shall rejoice, alleluia. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire, thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 104:24–34 Old Testament, page 525

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 581

Glorify 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.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:1–21 New Testament, page 111

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 286. “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Service of Confirmation (11:00)

Presentation of the Confirmation Class

Laying on of Hands

Welcome to the Confirmation Class

Reception of New Members (11:00)

Prayers of the People (9:30)

The Lord’s Prayer (9:30)

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.

Prayer Response (9:30)

“Amen” John Stainer

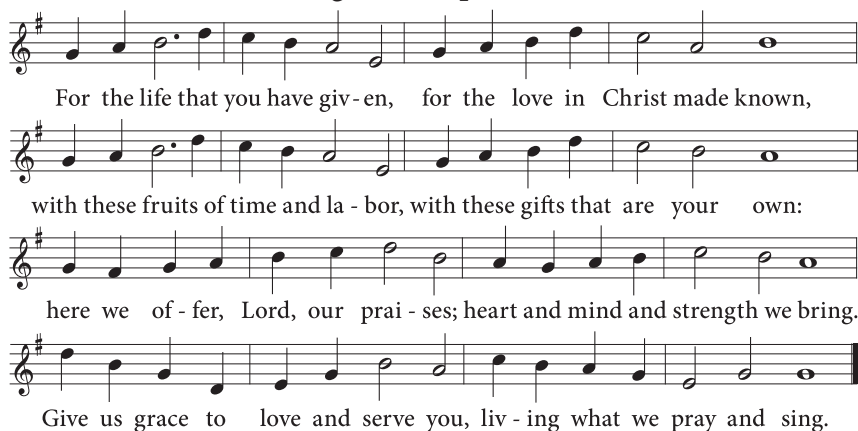
Offering

Offertory Anthem

“The Spirit of the Lord Is upon Me” from *The Apostles* Edward Elgar

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

*Presentation of the Offering and Response



For the life that you have giv-en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la-lor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of-fer, Lord, our prai-ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv-ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Life-giving Spirit,
bring to the bones of these gifts the flesh of our actions
and the breath of our caring,
that our church and our service to others
may come to life in your name. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 282 “Come Down, O Love Divine”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Sacrae Symphoniae Giovanni Gabrieli
Canzon septimi toni No. 1 *arr. Robert King*

TODAY THE 2018 CLASS of eighth-grade confirmands are being confirmed and welcomed into the wider life of the congregation during 11:00 a.m. worship. Please keep these youth in prayer as they continue with us on their faith journey.

Confirmation Participants

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Alicia Berger	Delaney Haas	Laura Pilchen
Gabriella Buchanan	Genevieve Kinner	Natalie Ruhana
Charles Calkins	Knox Lingenfelter	Emily Stomper
Ethan Castette	David McDermott	Anneke Stracks
Grace Cruise	Claire Mertzluft	Shea VanDerMeid
Caroline Culver	Elena Miers	Joshua Van Overmeiren
Robert Cupps	Isabella Monroy	Henry Wallace
Adeline Daab	Regina Monroy	Eric Ward
Mark Delfs	Sarah Jane Nicholson	Ryan Williams
Brinton D’hondt	Kyle Osenberg	Grace Yonan
Jack Fleck	Bennett Patterson	
Griffin Gustafson	Meredith Phelps	

Please also join us in giving thanks for the faith-filled dedication of the confirmation leaders, who accompanied the youth on their journey this past year: KJirstin Almos, Luke Beasley, Carole Bekken, Regan Burke, Karen Frank, Andrea Page, and Kathleen Rodak.

Worship Leaders

9:30 Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Terry Evans, Shannon Kershner, Rocky Supinger

11:00 Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Taposhi Bentley, Shannon Kershner, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

Tower Brass; the Morning Choir; the Drum Circle

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Choir Brass

John Doty, Director of the Drum Circle

Worship Notes

THE DAY OF PENTECOST celebrates the birth of the church and the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples of Jesus. Red, which is the liturgical color for the day, symbolizes the pentecostal fire of the Holy Spirit, and our processional ribbons evoke the wind from heaven, as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

TODAY IS DEDICATION COMMEMORATION DAY at Fourth Church, declared by Pastor John Timothy Stone in 1914 to be observed on the third Sunday of each May. On May 10, 1914, our congregation worshiped in this sanctuary for the first time.

WE THANK TODAY Tower Brass, the Drum Circle, and the Morning Choir for their musical leadership during the past season. The Women's Choir will be singing in worship from May 27 through July 15 followed by the Men's Choir from July 22 until September 2. Tower Brass, the Drum Circle, and the Morning Choir will return in the fall.

THE BULLETIN COVER image of Fourth Church in the fog includes a soaring bird, evoking the imagery of a dove, which is often used to represent the Holy Spirit.

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