

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Jubilate Deo . . . . .	Michael Praetorius
Sing to Me . . . . .	Andrea Ramsey
Beside the Still Waters . . . . .	Rollo Dilworth

**Introit :: “Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid” . . . German chorale; arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel**

*Creator Spirit, by whose aid the world’s foundations first were laid,  
come, visit every humble mind; come, pour thy joys on humankind.  
From sin and sorrow set us free, and make thy temples worthy thee.*

\***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.<sup>†</sup> Amen.

\***Litany for Pentecost**

Leader: *Maker of all things, in the beginning you created heaven and earth.  
In the fullness of time you restored all things in Christ.  
Renew our world, in this day, with your grace and mercy.*

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: *Life of the world, you breathed life into the flesh you created.  
Now, by your Spirit, breathe new life into the children of earth.  
Turn hatred into love, sorrow into joy, and war into peace.*

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: *God of compassion, through your Spirit you supply every human need.  
Heal the sick, and comfort the distressed.  
Befriend the friendless, and help the helpless.*

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: *Source of peace, your Spirit restores our anxious spirits.  
In our labor, give us rest; in our temptation, strength; in our sadness, consolation.*

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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\*Stand as you are able. <sup>†</sup>Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

\*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 291 ..... “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

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 a 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

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

Holy God,  
remind us of the promises given in our own baptism  
and renew our trust in you.

Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem ♫ “I Will Sing with the Spirit” ..... John Rutter

*I will sing with the Spirit, hallelujah, and I will sing with the understanding also, hallelujah.*

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

Psalter . . . . . Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

Leader: *How manifold are your works, O Lord!*

*In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.*

People: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.

Leader: *There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.*

People: All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

Leader: *You give it to them; they gather it;*  
*you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.*

People: When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

Leader: *You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;*  
*and so you renew the face of the earth.*

People: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

Leader: *You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.*

People: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

Leader: *May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.*

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

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

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:<sup>†</sup> as it was  
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

### Scripture Lesson and Sermon

“What’s the Deal with the Holy Spirit?” . . . . . Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger  
*Based on Acts 1–2; part of the “Big Questions” sermon series*

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<sup>†</sup>Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 288 ..... “Spirit of the Living God”

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) ..... 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.

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

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 :: “O Lord, My Trust Is in Thy Mercy” ..... Eric DeLamarter

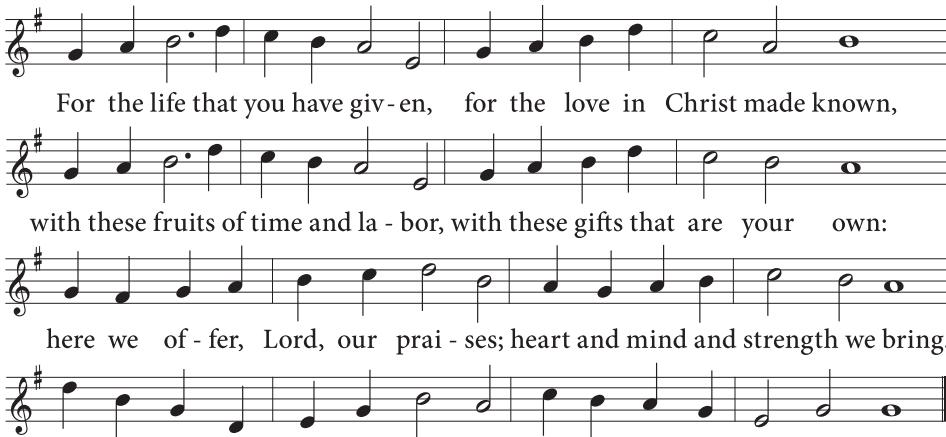
*O Lord, my trust is in thy mercy, and my heart is joyful in thy salvation,  
for thou hast heard my prayer.*

### Offering

Offertory Anthem :: “Da Pacem Domine” ..... Melchior Franck

*Grant us peace, O Lord, in this our day.*

## \*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 - bor, 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*)

God of wind, word, and fire, we praise you this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that have been poured out upon your children. May these gifts we bring be your living praise and witness to your love throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 282 ..... “Come Down, O Love Divine”

## \*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Toccata on “Come Down, O Love Divine” ..... Richard Gore

**Being baptized at the 9:30 worship service:**

Daksh Vincent Sharma, child of Samir and Noel Sharma

**Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:**

Evelyn Joy Beiler, child of Joshua and Alison Beiler

Rowan Wesley Fergus, child of Alexander and Rachel Fergus

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Jeff Doane, Holly O'Mara, Ann Murray, Matt Helms, Rocky Supinger

11:00 Jeff Doane, Marsha Heizer, Taposhi Bentley, Matt Helms, Rocky Supinger

## The Music Today

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The Kettering Children's Choir; Men's Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

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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.

OUR "BIG QUESTIONS" SERMON SERIES, which continues today, invites us to explore the questions, topics, and biblical stories that members and friends have told us they would like to hear addressed from the pulpit. Today's question is "What's the deal with the Holy Spirit?" Next week we will consider the question "What does a Christian *have* to believe?"

FOURTH CHURCH WELCOMES THE KETTERING CHILDREN'S CHOIR, directed by Mark Jauss Jr. This auditioned choir based near Dayton, Ohio, educates talented young singers throughout the Miami Valley.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo shows a candle photographed in the Fourth Church Sanctuary. The lights on the chandeliers in the background evoke the Acts 2 account of Pentecost, when what looked like tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of the disciples.

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