

Immanuel
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Growing Together in the Way of Jesus

"The troubles of the world are many and great but no match for the God who fills us and breathes in and through us. The image of God claiming Jesus in baptism is for us, so that we might have an image of ourselves forever in the embrace of God and know that there are no limits for what God can do through us."

-Rev. Wil Gafney

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 25, 2021

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Anne Evans & Bill Wallace

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pat Gleason

CENTERING MUSIC

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Spiritual

INTROIT

Dona Nobis Pacem
Sarah Sherman, *soloist*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liz Pruchnicki

HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

PRAYER OF APPROACH & CONFESSION

Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

Holy One,

we open ourselves now,

offering up to the work of your Spirit

our weariness or our wandering ways,

our compassion fatigue or our lack of compassion,

our moments of hopelessness, or our overabundance of positivity

when space is needed for grief...

We offer up to the work of your Spirit

all that does not serve you,

all that holds us back from developing greater closeness

to you and each other,

all that keeps us distracted or disjointed

from your hope for this world and our lives.

Together we pray

that you would transform what we offer to you now,

here together in prayer even if apart in miles.

Make us new!

Bring water from these rocks!

Bring life into dry bones!

For we trust and believe that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from you.

Help us to live into that trust boldly
and to proclaim your love with our lives!

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the sound of love poured out.

(The baptismal font is filled. As Christians, we are united in community through the waters of Baptism. Water is poured as a reminder that God claims, forgives, and renews us to live out God's love as a community of faith.)

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to God on high,
And the son we glorify,
The Holy Ghost we magnify,
The Trinity on whom we rely.*

*As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen!*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art
Kent Stansberry, Kim Stansberry-Jurkin; *soloists*

Swedish Folk Melody

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & SCRIPTURE
Acts 8:26-39

Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

SERMON

"What is Preventing Us?"

Rev. Strednak Singer

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart
(verses 1, 2, and 4)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

I Need Thee Every Hour

R. Lowry

DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Liz Pruchnicki

HYMN OF SENDING

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Spirit of God

F. Atkinson

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,
and in our hearts your work begin;
now make our hearts your dwelling.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
around and in us brightly shine,
your strength in us upwelling.
In your radiance life from heaven
now is given, overflowing
gift of gifts beyond all knowing.

2 Left to ourselves, we surely stray;
oh, lead us on the narrow way,
with wisest counsel guide us;
and give us steadfastness, that we
may follow you forever free,
no matter who derides us.
Gently heal those hearts now broken;
give some token you are near us,
whom we trust to light and cheer us.

3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
let your good Word in doubt and strife
be in us strongly burning,
that we be faithful unto death
and live in love and holy faith,
from you true wisdom learning.
God, your mercy on us shower;
by your power Christ confessing,
we will cherish all your blessing.

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.

The musical score is written in 3/2 time and G major. It features a soprano line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes three verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes a fourth verse. The fourth system concludes the piece with a final cadence.

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain:

Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

(Refrain)

2 Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven and then right back.

(Refrain)