

During the COVID-19 outbreak we will be unable to worship together. However, we encourage everyone to continue their worship privately or with your family. The sermon, prayers, and readings will be recorded and available on our website each Sunday, and most of them will also be broadcast on KLGK the following week.

**Worship Liturgy
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Greetings, Good News, Announcements

First Scripture Reading Romans 8:6-11 read from *The Message*

Opening Song "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" #481

PRAYER & DEVOTION

481 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev-ery time I feel the Spir-it mov-ing in my heart I will pray.

Yes, ev-ery time I feel the Spir-it mov-ing in my heart I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's
 2 Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me,
 bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train

PRAYER & DEVOTION

to Refrain

it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
 up - on this track; it runs to heav-en and then right back.

Call to Worship (read responsively)

Leader: The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

People: O God, you know!

Leader: We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?

People: O God, you know!

Leader: The gift is sure and unmistakable:

People: God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls!

Leader: Let's celebrate the gift of God's new life,

People: And worship God in laughter and dancing!

Opening Prayer (prayed together)

Compassionate God, the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life for all who long for you. One breath from you and we are rescued from the arid valley of dry bones, given muscles and sinews and joy with which to praise you, and filled with the holy hope you grant to all your faithful children. Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit, that what has lain dormant may burst into bloom, and what looks to us to be death may be revealed as but sleep before the emergence of new life. Amen.

Call to Confession

When we focus only on our own interests, we cannot see God. God invites us to look at ourselves, recognizing the ways we have separated ourselves from God and confess those ways to God. Let's do so now, at this moment as we pray together our prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession (prayed together)

Revitalizing God, your power goes far beyond our own, and yet still we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us. We give in to the despair and hopelessness of death, not trusting in your ability to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives. Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life in the midst of all the deaths we experience. Forgive us for wanting to limit you to "the last day" or "the world beyond this one", not trusting you to move and act among us, within us, through us. Forgive us, and open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst. Amen.

A Moment for Silent Reflection and Repentance

Words of Assurance (read responsively)

Leader: God said to Ezekiel, "I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live." The One who raised Jesus from the dead, forgives us and promises us life in all of its abundance.

People: Our sin has died! We are raised to new life! Praise God! We are forgiven!

Second Scripture Reading Psalm 130

Middle Song "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" #439

TRUST & ASSURANCE

439 Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on thee;
3 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high;
leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me.
let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me pure with - in.

hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
Thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
MUSIC: Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

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An Affirmation of Faith (read together)

We trust in God, Spirit of life, Creator of all that is and all that is to come; who surrounds us and fills us; who speaks the Word of life in us; and so we listen.

We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God, our brother and teacher; who lived in prayer and in love. Listening to God's voice and doing God's will, he gave his life in love; but God raised him to life that is eternal; and so we follow him.

We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit, God alive in us, for the sake of the healing of the world.

We trust in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, the gift of the universal Church as the body of Christ, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

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Focus Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14 read from the *Common English Bible*

Message

Offering Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, receive our offerings, that it may go forth to continue the work of Jesus, who brings fullness of life. May our gifts be a source of God's light in the world. Amen.

Closing Song "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" #326

PENTECOST

326 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

The image shows a musical score for the song "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (number 326). It is set in the key of D major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the wil - der-ness". Above the staff, the chords D, G, A, D, and Bm are indicated. The word "Refrain" is written above the first measure. The score is presented on a page with a light beige background and a dark border at the top.

E A D G A D

call-ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest-less-ness,

Bm G A7 D G D

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

PENTECOST

Em7 D Bm E A

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

D G A G Bm D/F# D

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Bm D/G Em7 A7 D A *to Refrain*

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
 With bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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