

CENTERPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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IN-PERSON WORSHIP

JUNE 5, 2022

POWER OF LOVE

+denotes congregation please stand if able

Congregation please respond with the bolded lines

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

Eric Milner-White

O God, the Holy Spirit, come to us, and among us; come as the wind, and cleanse us; come as the fire, and burn; come as the dew, and refresh; convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives to our great good and to thy greater glory; and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

"Holy Spirit"

Francesca Battestelli

Leap of Faith

There's nothing worth more, that could ever come close,
No thing can compare, You're our living hope, Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone, Your presence, Lord

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here, come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for, To be overcome by Your presence, Lord
Your presence, Lord *(twice through)*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Spirit of God, come to us as you came on that day of Pentecost;

Come, Holy Spirit!

With moving wind that sweeps away all barriers,

With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

With speech that unites our separate languages,

With love that leaps over bounds of race and nation.

Come, Holy Spirit!

In the name of Jesus Christ, come!

+OPENING HYMN # 2117 (v. 1-2, 4-5)

"Spirit of God"

United Methodist Hymnal

Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin, glow as you always do; create us anew.

Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing, held in your hands, born on your wings.

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! *(2 times)*

Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love, healing upon your wings for all living things.
For when we live your peace, captives will find release, held in your hands, born on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! (2 times)

Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name, the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.
We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all, held in your hands, born on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! (2 times)

Spirit of God, in all, we gladly hear your call, the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.
Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes, held in your hands, born on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! (2 times)

+OPENING PRAYER

God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the power of your Holy Spirit to us. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that you pour upon your people. Loosen our lips and strengthen in us the desire to spread your light throughout the earth; through the living Christ we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Spirit of light and life, open our eyes and our hearts. Open our ears and our minds. Open our lives to your ways that we may follow in your footsteps sharing your love and light in the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:22-27
Life in the Spirit

Contemporary English Version

We know that all creation is still groaning and is in pain, like a woman about to give birth. The Spirit makes us sure about what we will be in the future. But now we groan silently, while we wait for God to show that we are his children. This means that our bodies will also be set free. And this hope is what saves us. But if we already have what we hope for, there is no need to keep on hoping. However, we hope for something we have not yet seen, and we patiently wait for it. In certain ways we are weak, but the Spirit is here to help us. For example, when we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit prays for us in ways that cannot be put into words. All of our thoughts are known to God. He can understand what is in the mind of the Spirit, as the Spirit prays for God's people.

PRAYER HYMN # 544

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

United Methodist Hymnal

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,
Like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's Body, to the branches of the Vine,
To the Church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
With the power of love and witness, with the peace beyond compare: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, how amazing are the works of your creation, the gift of your presence in our lives and in our world! We praise you and thank you, even as we return a portion of these gifts to you. Send forth your Spirit in and through these gifts, that your loving presence may be felt and known through every ministry, every life, and every need touched by these gifts. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER HYMN # 347

"Spirit Song"

United Methodist Hymnal

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you.
And his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
O come and sing this with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness,
Give him all your years of pain, and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-4, 43-47

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

MESSAGE

"The Power of Love"

Pastor Roy

CELEBRATION OF OUR GRADUATES

PRAYER HYMN# 2260 (sung twice)

“Let Us Be Bread”

The Faith We Sing

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured, let us be one in the Lord.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please note that we use both regular and wheat-free & gluten-free bread

If viewing online, please share the bread and cup with those present saying the words,

“The Body of Christ broken for you; the Blood of Christ shed for you”

CLOSING SONG

“We Are the Light of the World”

Kari Jobe

Leap of Faith

Every secret, every shame, every fear, every pain

Live inside the dark, but that's not who we are, we are children of the day

So wake up sleeper, lift your head, we were meant for more than this

Fight the shadows, conquer death. make the most of the time we have left

Chorus: We are the light of the world, we are the city on a hill

We are the light of the world, and we gotta, we gotta, we gotta, let the light shine (2X)

We are called to spread the news, to tell the world the simple truth

Jesus came to save, there's freedom in His name, so let His love break-through (Chorus)

We are the light, we are the light, we are the light (2x)

You are the light, you are the light, you are the light

Shine, shine, shine (Chorus 2x)

BENEDICTION

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OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

HARBORFIELDS

Peter Houston - SUNY Oneonta

CJ Krauss - University of Tampa

Sharon Lin - UCLA

Cole Maney - Colorado State University

Dylan Olson - Hartwick College

HUNTINGTON

Jake Burton - McGill University

Lucas Cirlincione - Virginia Tech

Harrison Krywak - York College of Pennsylvania

Matthew Mead - Plymouth State University

NORTHPORT

Kayley Brummel -- still deciding between 3 colleges