

The Worship of God

July 28, 2019

Music for Gathering

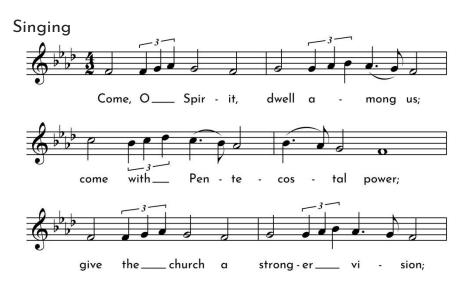
Marietta Mobley, piano

Christ Candle

Taylor Kirkman

Opening Sentences

Rev. Alan Sherouse





Words: Janie Alford, 1979 Music: Thomas John Williams, 1890

Voluntary

John Innes

God of Grace, and God of Glory

tInvocation

Terri Vancil

Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life:

At the Beginning of time you moved over the face of the waters; you gave every living thing the breath of life.

Come Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.

Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets:

You enflame men and women with a passion for your truth, and through them you call your people to the ways of justice and compassion.

Come, Spirit of righteousness, and burn in our hearts.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus: By your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor and release to those held captive.

Come, liberating Spirit, and free us from the powers of sin and death.

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher: You speak to us of our Lord and show us the depth of his love.

Come, Spirit of truth, abide in us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit, wind and flame: You filled disciples with joy and courage, empowering them to preach your Word and to share your good news.

Come, Spirit of power, make us bold witnesses of your redeeming love.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of peace: You break down barriers of language, race, and culture and heal the divisions that separate us.

Come, reconciling Spirit, and unite us all in the love of Christ.

Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life: At the close of the age all creation will be renewed to sing your praises.

Come, Creator Spirit, and make us new creations in Jesus Christ. Amen.

tHymn of Praise 669

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God of Grace, and God of Glory

tWords of Friendship

Sarah Billings

Faith Story

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A Time for Children

Christina McCord

Afterward children ages four through first grade may attend **Junior Church** and return to the sanctuary following the sermon.

Prayers of God's People

Dr. Scott Culclasure

Singing EBENEZER

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears; for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers. In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way; still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

Opening of God's Word

Jake McCord

Scripture Lesson

Rev. Chris Cherry

Acts 28

Sermon

Rev. Sherouse

Life in the Spirit | The Gospel Unhindered

tHymn of Response 733

MESSAGE

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

Musical Interlude

Offertory Prayer

Gary Upchurch, deacon

Musical Offering

Colleen Adent

O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

†Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

†Doxology

EBENEZER

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame. Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery! We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

Music for Dismissal

Charles Marie-Widor

Finale from Symphony IV