

First Sunday after Pentecost – Trinity Sunday
June 12, 2022

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PREWORSHIP MUSIC & PRELUDE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP – PRAYER OF INVOCATION¹

All: Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power. Some of us come with reluctance and some with joy; some with sadness and others full of fear, yet we know you receive us as we are. Mighty God, stay with us always, as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. Touch us, God, with your healing fire. Speak to us through your Word. Send us back into the world renewed and eager to do your will. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty²

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters, draw near,
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning.
Shelters you under his wings, oh, so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen, all that is needful has been -
sent by God's gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the AMEN, sound from God's people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

CALL TO CONFESSION³

Pastor: God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayers. (Personal Silent Prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION⁴

All: God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle, and for commitment to each other's growth. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious; we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the hard choices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our churches; rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.

¹ Beebe, Ronald. S. Invocations: 831. "The New Century Hymnal." Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 1995.

² Public Domain. Author: Joachim Neander (1680); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1863)

³ Neele, Beth. Confession and Assurance: 81. "Hold Fast to What is Good." <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/prayer-of-confession/>. 31 May 2022.

⁴ Duck, Ruth. Confessions: Prayers of Confession. 836. "The New Century Hymnal." Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 1995.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the Good News: we are forgiven!
 We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious,
 hopeful, peaceful people of God!

All: Alleluia! Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 35**NEW TESTAMENT READING – John 16:12-15****SERMON***El Shaddai – Almighty Nurturer***Rev. Laura C. Baker****RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor: El-Shaddai, you have been our resting-place through the ages.
 Generations come and pass away, but you abide forever.
 We praise you for your presence among us.
 You bring us comfort amid our trials,
 clarity where confusion persists,
 peace in the midst of conflict,
 and hope of eternal life.
 Hear us now as we pray for your Church
 and the needs of the world,
 for you, are the Nurturing, Sustaining God of our lives.
 Lord, hear our prayer...

Congregation: **and in your love, answer.**

Pastor: We pray for the Church of Jesus Christ -
 that began with Almighty God at creation,
 and which is sustained by the Holy Spirit.
 May we, the faith-full community,
 called Starview United Church of Christ,
 be engaging, grateful, joyful, and active, doing your will.
 Let our church be always faithful, O God,
 and ready to promote the cause of compassionate love and peace.
 Lord, hear our prayer...

Congregation: **and in your love, answer.**

Pastor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority
 in the nations of the world.
 We pray that for everywhere upon this earth,
 there may be justice and peace.
 Lord, hear our prayer...

Congregation: **and in your love, answer.**

Pastor: We pray especially today for the well-being of people
 in parts of the world affected by natural disasters and war.
 We continue to pray for peace amongst the nations.
 Lord, hear our prayer...

Congregation: **and in your love, answer.**

Pastor: Lord, we pray for all people in their daily life and work—
 for our families, friends, and neighbors,
 and for those who are alone.
 We name before you individuals and families
 experiencing personal hardship or facing an uncertain future,
 those who are separated from loved ones,

those who grieve this today,
and those who are sick in hospital or ill at home.
Hear us Lord as we now lift up those people and those situations
you have placed upon our hearts...

*Members offer their personal bidding prayers
aloud and/or in the silence of their hearts*

Pastor: Lord, in your love, hear all our prayers –
both the spoken and unsaid,

Congregation: **and in your love, answer.**

Pastor: May our prayers further your purposes for us all,
and bring us to that place where we may experience the joy
that has been given to your faithful down through the ages—
a joy everlasting. We pray all these things through Jesus, our Savior,
who taught us to pray, saying:

All: *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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Liturgist: Sisters and brothers, God's ancient, steadfast love is not a love that simply waits for us to stop wandering and return home. God's love comes seeking us and gives us the gift of Jesus so that we might have life abundant. Our giving this morning, whether we have been lost and wandering, or secure and safe, expresses our firm conviction that God is with us, no matter what. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude, heartfelt commitment, and praise.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: *El-Shaddai, the whole earth is full of your glory! You give us gifts and invite us to go into the world to tell your good news. Help us to respond in faith and go where you lead us each day. We dedicate our gifts so that our community will draw closer to you. Amen.*

HYMN

There's a Spirit in the Air

BENEDICTION

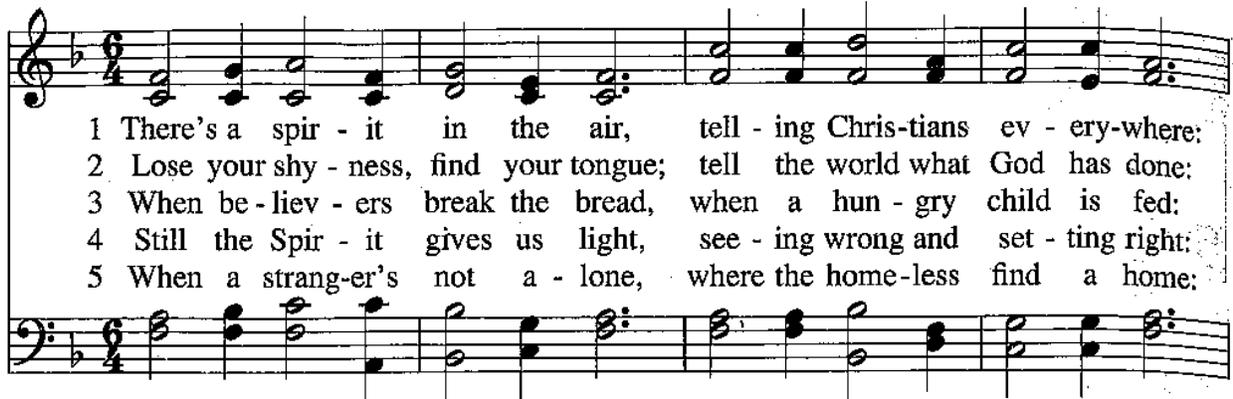
Pastor: By God's amazing grace, we are the body of Christ.
And because of that, let us go into the world in peace and courage,
holding to the good, honoring all of God's children,
loving and serving the Lord and rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: *Amen.*

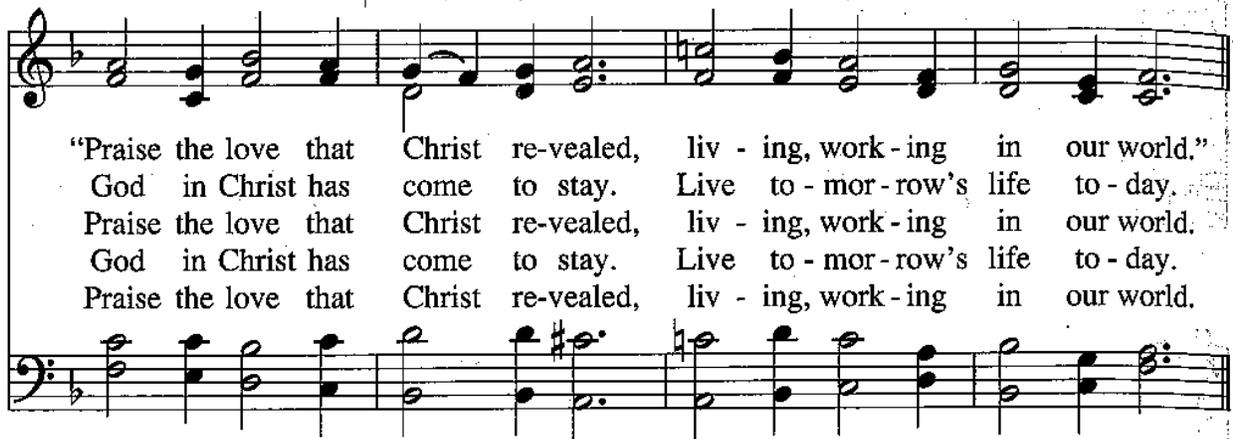
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There's a Spirit in the Air

*John 6:24-35, 51-58; 1 Cor. 2:9-16; 1 John 4**Brian Wren, 1969; rev. 1987*


1 There's a spir - it in the air, tell - ing Chris - tians ev - ery - where:
 2 Lose your shy - ness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done:
 3 When be - liev - ers break the bread, when a hun - gry child is fed:
 4 Still the Spir - it gives us light, see - ing wrong and set - ting right:
 5 When a strang - er's not a - lone, where the home - less find a home:



"Praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world."
 God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day.
 Praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world.
 God in Christ has come to stay. Live to - mor - row's life to - day.
 Praise the love that Christ re - vealed, liv - ing, work - ing in our world.

6 May the Spir - it fill our praise,
 guide our thoughts and change our ways.
 God in Christ has come to stay.
 Live to - mor - row's life to - day.

7 There's a Spir - it in the air,
 call - ing peo - ple ev - ery - where:
 Praise the love that Christ re - vealed,
 liv - ing, work - ing in our world.