



# RAISING OUR SAILS TO CATCH THE SPIRIT

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

September 25, 2022 @ 10:30 am

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## PRELUDE

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Doris Akers, arr. Fred Bock

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHORAL INTROIT** *Singing, Alleluia!*

Martin Shaw

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit is here among us

**within us, around us, between us.**

The Spirit is here to strengthen us

**bringing courage, bringing conviction.**

The Spirit is here to move us,

**making us sing and praise.**

We gather this day in the Spirit's presence.

**May our worship be Spirit-filled.**

## \*HYMN NO 322

*Spirit of the Living God*

Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. [repeat]

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess, loving God, that all too often we do not open our lives to the power of your Holy Spirit. We tend to ignore the Spirit rather than call on its fire to burn within us and strengthen us for our life with you. We limp through life, drawing strength from poor substitutes, and wondering why our faith lacks the vitality we desire. Wrap us up in the Spirit's arms, that we would joyfully welcome the divine wind rushing through us. Forgive us, O God, for these and all of our sins, as we confess in silence...**

## ANTHEM

*The Word Was God*

Rosephanye Powell

## PASSING THE PEACE

**RESPONSE** *Halle, Halle, Halleluja!*

*Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halleluja! Halleluia!*

**SCRIPTURE** John 14: 15-20

**SERMON** *Expecting the Spirit in Me and in You*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional, Hymnal p. 16)

### \*HYMN NO 319 *Spirit*

Refrain: Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, Wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, You called to the deep. Then you coaxed up the mountains  
From the valleys of sleep. And over the eons You called to each thing,  
Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. [refrain]

You swept through the desert, You stung with the sand, And you gifted your people  
With a law and a land, and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
Then You spoke through Your prophets to open their eyes. [Refrain]

You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill, Then You whispered in silence  
When the whole world was still, and down in the city You called once again  
When You blew through Your people on the rush of the wind. [Refrain]

You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes, From the bondage of sorrow  
The captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions Your people arise.

## BENEDICTION

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Finale and Fughetta*

J.K.F. Fischer

### Today's Worship Leaders:

Dr. Gail Stearns, Guest Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music, Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Abbott Hatch & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound



Announcements