



MEDITATION BEFORE WORSHIP

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

– Romans 8:14-17

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR MELINDA VEATCH

PRELUDE *Instrumental Music*

KATY KRISTOFFERSEN, PIANO

CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 104:24, 27-33

DAVE CONRAD

Leader: O Lord, how manifest are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

People: These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

Leader: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

People: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works – who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

Leader: We will sing to the Lord as long as we live; we will sing praise to our God while we have breath. Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us worship God!

WELCOMING SONG* *Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart* (George Croly, words; Frederick C. Atkinson, music)

HYMN NO. 132

Verses 1, 3, 4 and 5

PRAYER OF PRAISE

DAVE CONRAD

Holy God, you are true to your promise to never leave us or forsake us. Your Spirit abides right here with us infusing our lives with your love and your power. We thank you for this gift! We praise you for this gift! May we live each day grounded in this gift, walking with your Spirit and carrying your love out into this world. Amen.

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ ”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Breath of God* (Terry Butler and Cindy Rethmeier; arr. K. Kristoffersen)

Alice Goertz, Flute,

Mike Kristoffersen, String Bass; Katy Kristoffersen, Piano

Breathe on me, breath of God.
My spirit yearns for you.
Hide me in your mothering arms.
Fill up my longing soul.

Refrain

*Flood over me like a river, My God.
Immerse me in your living stream.
Awaken the song that you placed in my heart.
Spirit, breathe on me. Spirit, breathe on me.*

Breathe on me, breath of God.
Burn bright, eternal fire.
Father draw me near to your heart.
You are my one desire. **Refrain**

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON

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REV. MELINDA VEATCH

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

DAVE CONRAD AND REV. MELINDA VEATCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Song* *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (African-American spiritual)

CONGREGATION

Hymn No. 481 Both Verses

CHARGE

REV. MELINDA VEATCH

POSTLUDE *Instrumental Music*

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BLESSINGS

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