

Saying “No!” to Death

MAY 19, 2024



Welcome to Worship!

Gathering Music

Welcome

Introit

Welcome Holy Spirit

Hand Bells

Musical Call to Worship

Come, Holy Spirit

Song

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

*Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.*

*Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.*

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.

Time with Young Disciples and Blessing of the Children's Pew Bibles

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

One: O God, we know your Pentecost story: your Spirit is here, your church is born, and you have gathered us together in this place. Hear us as we offer our confession to you. .

All: Gracious God, though we see and celebrate a long and fruitful past, we struggle to trust that you have a fruit-filled future for us. Forgive us when we lose hope and surrender to inertia. Though we see the amazing work you are doing, we hunker down and hold on to what we have. Forgive us when we find ourselves sticking with what we know rather than taking a risk for the gospel. As you did for your first church, breathe the fire of life into us. Reveal to us your life-giving presence.

(In the silence, please take a moment to offer your own confession to God.)

One: In the name of Christ we pray. **All: Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

One: God is always working among us. At the center of it all is God's love and forgiveness. This is our Savior's world. So know that you are indeed forgiven, and be at peace.

All: This is our Savior's world. Thanks be to God!

Response

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21 (with Handbells) and John 11:32-44

Sermon

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Song

Spirit, Open My Heart

*Refrain-Spirit open my heart to the joy and pain of living
As you love may I love in receiving and in giving Spirit, open my heart*

*God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.(Refrain)*

*Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.(Refrain)*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Here at UPC we come together from different places and traditions. As we pray the Lord's Prayer, please use one of these versions or feel free to speak the one that you learned as you grew in your faith.

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be
done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we
forgive our debtors.***

***Lead us, not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For
yours is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory forever.
Amen.***

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be
done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we
forgive those who sin against
us.***

***Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil. For
the kingdom, the power, and
the glory are yours now and
forever. Amen.***

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be
done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those who
trespass against us.***

***Lead us, not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For
yours is the kingdom, the
power, and the glory forever.
Amen.***

Song

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain-Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Upon the mountain when my God spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me, it looked so fine, I asked my Lord if all was mine. (Refrain)*

*Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain't but one train that's on this track, it runs to heaven and runs right back. (Refrain)*

Sending and Blessing One Another with Christ's Peace

Sending Music

(Please move to the front of the sanctuary for the congregational photo.)



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