

Peace UCC
May 31, 2020
A Breath of Fresh Air—the story of change

Prelude "Komm, Gott Schopfer, Heiliger Geist" J.S. Bach
"Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost"
Theodore Presser Company

Welcome

Opening Words

One: Breathe into the story that is Peace
Many: Breathe in, breathe out
The breath of God

One: Breathe in to the places we find comfort
Many: Breathe in, breathe out
The breath of God


One: Breathe out to the places and things we need to let go of
Many: Breathe in, breathe out
The breath of God

One: Breathe in the new life we are called to be
Many: Breathe in, breathe out
The breath of God

One: Breathe in the fresh breath of change
Many: Breathe in, breathe out
The breath of God

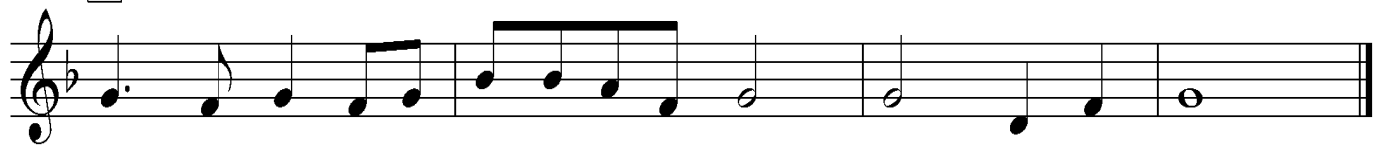
Hymn "Gathered Here"
Phil Porter

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Gath-ered here in the mys-tery of this hour, gath-ered here in one strong bod - y,

3.



gath - ered here in the strug-gle and the power, Spir - it draw near.

Prayer of Invocation

Gracious and loving God, we have assembled. We hear your good news. We know we are called to proclaim it. Bring to us a breath of fresh air so we too might share in this story of change. Be with us as we live out what it means to be the church.

Word in Song Darcy Swanson "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
African-American Spiritual

Refrain:

Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon a mountain my God spoke
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me; looked so fine;
I asked my God if all were mine.

Refrain

Oh, Jordan river, chilly and cold,
it chills the body, not the soul.
There's only one train on this track;
it runs to heaven, then right back.

Refrain

Sacred Texts

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? In our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your children shall prophesy,
and your young people shall see visions,
and your elders shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
 The sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

A More Contemporary Word from Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

"Change is not threatening, so long as we keep firm hold of the values by and for which we live. We can travel with confidence so long as we have a map. We can jump with safety knowing that there is someone to catch us as we fall."

Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner

Hymn "Send Down the Fire"
 Marty Haugen

Refrain

Send down the fire of your jus - tice; _____ Send down the

rains of your love; _____ Come send down the Spir - it, breathe

life in your peo - ple, and we shall be peo - ple of God. _____

Call us to be your com - pas - sion, _____	Teach us the
Call us to learn of your mer - cy, _____	Teach us the
Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion, _____	Teach us the
Call us to wit - ness your Kin - dom _____	Give us the

song of your love; _____	Give us hearts that sing,	Give us deeds that
way of your peace; _____	Give us hearts that feel,	Give us hands that
fire of your truth; _____	Give us right - eous souls,	'Til your jus - tice
pres - ence of Christ; _____	May your ho - ly light	Keep us shin - ing

To Refrain

ring,	Make us ring with the song of your	love. _____
heal,	Make us walk in the way of your	peace. _____
rolls,	Make us burn with the fire of your	love. _____
bright,	Ev - er shine with the pre - sence of	Christ. _____

Joys and Concerns Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your 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 yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

A Time for Gratitude

Gracious God, we give thanks.
We ask your blessings on these gifts of time,
talent, and treasure as we use them to join
Your work in the world. Amen

Closing

Postlude “Spirituoso”
Alessandro Scarlatti
Arr. Kevin Norris
Lorenz Publishing

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