First Presbyterian Church May 23, 2021

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

THE TOLLING OF THE BELL THE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES -*Time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God declares, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

ALL: The young men shall see visions. The elders shall dream dreams.

Leader: Both men and women shall prophesy. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Let us call upon the Lord with hearts full of gratitude.

*HYMN 286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (see attachment below) THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In unison*) Holy and Merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, and we know too well our constant failures to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way, keep us in your care, and lead us into faith. We trust your word that the Spirit of truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace. (silent prayer of confession)

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: People of God, the Spirit of God's truth has come upon creation and upon you, to interpret the mysteries of eternal time. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Christ Jesus, Our Savior and by the authority of the church.

All: Praise God our sins have been forgiven completely through Jesus Christ.

*GLORY TO THE TRIUNE GOD *THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Traditional*) TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14 THE GOSPEL READING: Acts 21:1-21 MESSAGE: A Breath of Life for Dry Bones THE PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD THE OFFERING *PRAISE GOD #592 *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN: 66 *"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (see attachment below) Taking the Light into the World* *THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *THE POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prayerful Yoga, in-person, Tuesday, June1, 6:30 p.m. Church Supper, Wednesday, June 2, 6 p.m. Kids Ministry Night, Friday, June 11, 5-7 p.m. Blood Drive, Thursday, June 17, 1-5 p.m. Pool Party in Pocahontas, Sunday, June 20, 6-8 p.m.



In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

HYMN: EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

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.

1 Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. [Refrain]

2 Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul. There is but one train upon this track. It runs to heaven and then right back. [Refrain]