



CENTRAL
CHURCH IN THE PARK

8.8.21

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Linda Stephan

Call to Worship

Ann Porter

One: Good Morning. As we gather, do not give easy or unthinking response to our call to worship. For today we ask God's Spirit to fill us, that we may prophesy, and dream dreams, and see visions. The call to worship today is a summons to be touched by an energy beyond ourselves, a holy fire.

All: Even now the flames may dance above our heads, igniting our opinions on peacemaking so that they blaze into commitment.

One: Even now the flames may be burning into our hearts, animating us, leaving us no lasting peace on our own, until all God's people have peace.

All: Prophets, visionaries, dreamers! Let us all worship with courage and with hope!

One: I think we're ready. Let us worship God!

Hymn for All

"There's a Spirit in the Air"

There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:

Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

Lose your shyness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done.

God in Christ has come to stay. Love tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed,

Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

Still the Spirit leads the fight, seeing wrong and setting right:

God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone, when the homeless find a home,

Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways:

God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Ann Porter

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Special Music

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

(arr. Michael Hassell)

featuring Nan Horstman, alto; Anne Bara, clarinet

Scripture

Acts 2: 1-4, 14-18

A Church on Fire:

Message

"Lessons from Early Christians— Part 1"

Rev. Chris Lane

Creed from Confirmand Youth

I believe in a God who is Holy Spirit –
Who always surrounds us, like the earth's atmosphere;
Who gives me freedom but still guides me down the right path with myself and others;
Who pushes me to do something good I normally wouldn't do;
Who stirs us up, disturbs like the wind where no surface goes untouched.

I believe God has given us the Church –
A place where we can find ourselves, even if we're lost;
A place where we can communicate without talking;
A place where forgiveness, truthful words, and hope is known;
A place to thank God for all that God is doing.
We are not done, and God is not done. Thanks be to God.

Giving Gifts We've Brought for God

Rev. Linda Stephan

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Song for All

"O Spirit of the Living God"

*O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.*

*Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.*

*Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.*

*So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!*

Parting Blessing

Rev. Chris Lane

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Pastors: Rev. Chris Lane & Rev. Linda Stephan

Ann Porter, liturgist; Music: Nan Horstman, vocalist; Anne Bara, clarinet; Candice Wallace, piano

A/V Team: Tom Bartlett, Topher Busch, Silvio Ciccone, Austin Robison

Hosts: Community Outreach Team; Set-Up Team Leader: Rick Venner

Thank you for joining us today!



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SCAN TO GIVE YOUR GIFT NOW