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Sunday, May 21st, 2023 † 10:30 am Worship**Welcome**

* **Opening Song** *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* UMH #702

Time of Prayer**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Passing of the Peace**Offering**

* **Doxology** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

* **Song of the Day** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* UMH #420

Announcements

Scripture Exodus 24.1-4; Acts 2.1-11

Message **The Wonder of God: "The Breath of God"** Pastor Sara
McManus

Recognition of Graduates

* **Closing Song** *Spirit of God* TFWS #2117

*** Benediction**

* Please stand, as you able

TFWS – Small Black hymnal

UMH – Large Blue hymnal

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Sing with All the Saints in Glory

UMH #702

- 1.** Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.

- 2.** O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

- 3.** Life eternal! heaven rejoices: Jesus lives, who once was dead.
Join we now the deathless voices; child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from the distant ages, saints all longing for their heaven,
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, all await the glory giv'n.

- 4.** Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament;
know, with thee, O God Immortal, "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

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WORDS: William Josiah Irons, 1873.

MUSIC (HYMN TO JOY 87.87 D in G Major): Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr. by Edward Hodges, 1864.

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*** Please be seated**

*** Please stand, as able**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674.

MUSIC (OLD 100th, LM): Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551.

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*** Please stay standing, as able**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God UMH #420

- 1.** Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
- 2.** Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
- 3.** Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.
- 4.** Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

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WORDS: Edwin Hatch, 1878.

MUSIC TRENTHAM SM in F Major): Robert Jackson, 1888.

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Exodus 24.1-4 (NRSVUE)

The Blood of the Covenant

Then he said to Moses, “Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship at a distance. Moses alone shall come near the Lord, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him.”

Moses went and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances, and all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning, built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and set up twelve pillars, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel.

Acts 2.1-11 (NRSVUE)

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

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 people 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? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

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* Spirit of God

TFWS #2117

1. Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,
glow as you always do; create us anew.
Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,
held in your hands, born on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come!

2. Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,
healing upon your wings for all living things.
For when we live your peace, captives will find release,
held in your hands, born on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come!

3. Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands
you hold all the human race in one warm embrace.
No matter where we go, you hold us together so,
held in your hands, born on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come!

4. Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name,
the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.
We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all,
held in your hands, born on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come!

5. Spirit of God, in all, we gladly hear your call,
the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.
Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,
held in your hands, born on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come! Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come!

TEXT: Steve Garnaas-Holmes (Gen. 1:2; Matt. 3:16-17; Luke 3:22; Acts 2:1-4)
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*** Please stay standing for the Benediction, as able**