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St. John's United Church of Christ

As believers in Jesus Christ, we strive with unconditional love and selflessness – using our God given gifts – to provide a nurturing shelter for those seeking a Christian home. We offer opportunities for spiritual growth through worship, education, fellowship, prayer and Christian action throughout our community and the world.

**Called by God
Sharing with the World**

June 7, 2020
Trinity Sunday

Gathering

Meditation

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth.

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Prelude

Gabriel's Oboe
Arr: Townend

Opening Hymn

Holy Spirit

Verse 1

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Let the presence of the risen Lord
Come renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Verse 2

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my strivings into works of grace
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Verse 3

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see

Welcome & Sharing of Good News of God's Work Among Us

*Because of these extraordinary times, we have been granted permission to serve and receive the Sacrament of Communion at home. Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion and invite all baptized Christian to join together at the Lord's Table. **If you are viewing this service and wish to have communion, please be prepared with bread/cracker and wine/juice/water.** The elements for communion were consecrated by Reverend Shawn Van Dyke for our use. We have permission for our congregation to receive the elements at home in an attitude of receptivity to the Holy Spirit uniting the Body of Christ across time and space.*

✠ Opening Prayer

Everlasting God, we come to you today in a time of pandemic and turmoil. We come to you who are the one true, steady force in all our lives. This morning we pray for guidance from your Holy Spirit that we may know the path you wish us to take as Christians in the world. Grant us the wisdom, comfort and guidance that the Holy Spirit can bring to us daily. Help us to respect the humanity of all people. Help us to see clearly any way in which we personally need to change to be more the people of Christ. Help us to be peacemakers. Help us to model the way of Christ to those around us. Help us not to despair but to know that you are with us today and all days. Amen

✠Prayer of Confession

Dear God, we know that You know all that is in our hearts and minds. We come to You knowing that we have but to ask for you forgiveness and repent of our sins to receive Your healing grace. We ask that from You now as we confess our sins.

Let us now take silent time to review our week and remember where we have done wrong or have not done the good, we should have done and confess in our hearts to the Lord.

✠Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive Our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. This is God's gift to us and the world so that we can know abundant life.

Bible Readings *Romans 8: 1-6 John 14: 23-26* Tracey Holler

Children's Message and Blessing Lorraine Jones

Today's Message *Alive in the Spirit* Kay Jones

✠UCC Statement of Faith

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify:

He calls the worlds into being, creates man in his own image and sets before him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to himself.

He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

He calls us into his church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be his servants in the service of men, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

He promises to all who trust him forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, his presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him.

Amen.

Communion Hymn

O Come to Me the Master Said

O come to me the master said
My Father knows your need
And I shall be the Master said
Your bread of life indeed
By faith in Him we live and grow
And share the broken bread
And all His love and goodness know
For so the Master said

Abide in me the Master said
The true and living vine
My life shall be the Master said
Poured out for you as wine
His body to the cross He gave
His blood He freely shed
Who came in love to seek and save
For so the Master said

Believe in Me the Master said
For I have called you friends
And yours shall be the Master said
The life that never ends
And so with sin and sorrow past
When death itself is dead

The Lord shall raise us up at last
For so the Master said

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

† Invitation

Leader: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at table with two disciples and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

People: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and west, from the north and south, and gather about Christ's table.

Leader: This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God most high.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

† Communion Prayer

Leader: We give you thanks Holy One, almighty and eternal God, always and everywhere, through Jesus Christ. We bless you for your continual love and care for every creature. Above all, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life. By his obedience to you, by his suffering on the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, he delivered us from the way of sin and death. We praise you that Jesus now reigns with you in glory and ever lives to pray for us. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, leading us into truth, defending us in adversity, and uniting us in one holy church. Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we

worship and glorify you, God Most Holy.

✠ Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! *(The congregation may be seated)*

(The Elements you will be receiving this morning have been blessed by UCC Ordained Minister Pastor Shawn Van Dyke)

Jesus' Words of Institution

Leader: We remember on the night of betrayal and desertion,
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Prayer of Consecration

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Our Savior *(unison)*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Call to the Supper

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(On the communion tray you will find wine on the outer most circle and grape juice and water on the inner most circles. Please wait until all have received the bread and wine. We will eat and drink together).

†Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us pray

All: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

†Sending Forth and Final Blessing

Worship Leaders:

Jamie Barton & Kay Jones

Blessings to you from St. John's United Church of Christ in Orwigsburg.