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Parking lot worship for

**Sunday, May 23, 2021**

**Worship Leader: Rev. Roy Rogers**

**Organist: Polly Jeanty**

Thanks for attending our drive-in worship service. Please remember the guidelines below:

- The church will be open for restroom use only.
- The rules for social distancing remain in effect. Stay a minimum of 6 feet from each other and wear a mask that covers both your mouth and nose.
- Scrip will be available for purchase before and after worship. We ask that when purchasing scrip cards that only one person be at the scrip table at a time.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come!** Renew the face of the earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come!** Renew our lives, inside and out.

Renew our faith, renew our relationships, renew our trust in your mercy.

**Come, Holy Spirit, Come!** Renew our lives, inside and out.

Challenge us, comfort us, stir us up, calm us down.

**Come Holy Spirit, Come!** Renew our lives, inside and out.

With fire and wind, come to this place; gather us in, send us out;

**Come Holy Spirit, Come!** Renew our lives, inside and out.

Make our legs stronger, our hands firmer, our hearts wider in love.

**Come Holy Spirit, Come!** Renew the face of the earth.

PRAYER: SPIRIT OF LIFE

your breath of life fills the whole world  
and holds all things together.

if you withdraw your breath everything turns to dust

**breathe on me breath of God**

you are the source of life that brings life to the world,  
whole life, full life, unhindered, indestructible everlasting life

**fill me with life anew**

the life of your spirit which Christ sends into the world  
is the power of the resurrection which brings us new life

**breathe on me breath of God**

the sending of your spirit is the revelation  
of God's indestructible affirmation of life and marvelous joy in life

**fill me with life anew**

Jesus, where you are there is life.

where you are sick people are healed,

sad people are comforted,

marginalized people are accepted

and the demons of death are driven out

**breathe on me breath of God**

where your holy spirit is present there is life.

the powers and energies of eternal life are experienced.

**fill me with life anew**

the mission of your spirit is a movement for life

and a movement for healing

which spreads consolation and the courage to live

and raises up what wants to die.

**breathe on me breath of God**

we affirm and love life so much

that we protest against death

and all the powers that disseminate death.

**fill me with life anew**

help us to join with your comforting of the sad,

healing of the sick,

welcoming of strangers,

and forgiving of sins.

**breathe on me breath of God**

send your spirit so that this world should not perish but live

**fill me with life anew**

spirit of the new creation

break into the here and now

bringing foretastes of the age to come

when all things are made new,

and creation is set free from the powers of death

**breathe on me breath of God**

spirit of God renew the face of the earth

**fill me with life anew**

give us hearts of flesh for hearts of stone

**that we may love as you would love**

**and do what you would do**

amen

~ written by Jonny Baker, and posted at <http://jonnybaker.blogs.com/>

SONG #228

“Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart”

READING OF SCRIPTURE

**Genesis 1:1-5, 20-31**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’ And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

### **Genesis 3:1-11, 22-24**

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?'

Then the LORD God said, 'See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever' — therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the

ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

### **Acts 2:1-4, 14-24**

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.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men 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 sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
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.”

‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

**Acts 3:17-21**

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus, who must remain in heaven until the time of universal restoration that God announced long ago through his holy prophets

SERMON

SONG #239

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

PASTORAL ... LORD'S PRAYER (Each Petition ends with “Holy Spirit...” The congregation responds “**Help us**”

**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.**

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION FOR PENTECOST

(Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:17-18)

Go out into the world,  
and labor to bring forth new life.  
Dream dreams, pursue visions  
and speak of God's goodness  
in the words of those who would hear.

And may the God who breathed life into creation be your delight.  
May Christ Jesus give hope to your dreaming,  
and may the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter,  
.....set your hearts ablaze with a passion for peace.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
...**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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POSTLUDE

**Those in our thoughts and prayers:**

**Joys:**

**Families who have lost loved ones:**

Carol Meiselwitz  
Del Zoellner

**Those struggling with health issues:**

Karl (nephew of Will and Lora)	Jane Markelz
Mike Mathes	Dale Horneck
Tom Brickbauer	Olivia Marie
Macullen Schnell	Jessica Horneck
Father of Alicia Braun (former member)	

**Those unable to worship with us:**

Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer

**Other concerns:**

The people of India  
Violence in the Middle East  
Division in the U.S.  
Racial Justice and equality in our country  
Health Care workers                      Those whose businesses are struggling  
Those who are out of work                People who live where violence and injustice prevails.

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## BETHLEHEM ANNOUNCEMENTS:



During the month of May, we will again be collecting items for the Milwaukee Guest House's Undy 500.

Please bring NEW men's undergarments and socks. They are especially in need of L, XL, and 2XL t-shirts for their residents. There is a box in the entryway for your donations.

### Calling all Graduates!!!

Each Spring, Bethlehem likes to acknowledge our high school and college graduates. Please send the names of graduates and schools they are graduating from to Randy by May 31. A list will be published soon after. We will also honor them at a June worship service. Email or text ([randynmel5@gmail.com](mailto:randynmel5@gmail.com) or 920-286-2531)

### Calendar

Building and Grounds meeting May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in church fellowship hall.

### **Plan a visit to our homebound members!**

Merlin and Doris Mae Nimmer are at Field of Dreams in Kiel (286-6189) Call to arrange a visit.

### **This Week at Bethlehem:**

**Today, Sunday 5/23:** 9:30a Drive-In worship;

**Monday 5/24:** Happy Anniversary Bill & Kelly Biwan!

**Tuesday 5/25:** Happy Anniversary Trevor & Tess Rabe!

**Wednesday 5/26:**

**Thursday 5/27:** Happy Birthday Noah Watson and Amber Hoeffner!

**Friday 5/28:** Happy Birthday Davin Horneck!

**Saturday 5/29:** Happy Birthday Armond Wempner!

**Sunday 5/30:** 9:30a In-person worship (please adhere to the guidelines that were sent in a recent letter) Happy Birthday Stefanie Nenahlo!

**Pantry item: Bottle of Laundry Soap or Fabric Softener**