

**REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Serving Absecon - Galloway Township**  
**Rev. Heidi Link – Pastor**  
**Brian Conover - Music Director**

**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**DAY OF PENTECOST / 10:00 AM**

**\* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

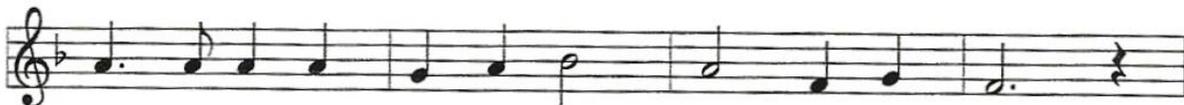
**\* OPENING SONG**

**Spirit of the living God**

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1 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,  
2 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, move in us all;



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.  
make us one in heart and mind, one in your love;

*...song continues...*

\* - Congregation Stands (If for any reason you are unable to stand during the service, please remain seated.)

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.  
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill us with love.

Text: Daniel Iverson, st. 1; Michael Baughen, st. 2  
 Music: Daniel Iverson  
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### \* GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray: God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

*(for text of reading, see back of bulletin)*

### RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

*(continues...)*

<sup>31</sup> **May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup> **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>35b</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE**

**I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me**



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

**\* THE WORD OF GOD: John 14:8-17 [25-27]**

A reading from the Gospel of St. John:

*(for text of reading, see back of bulletin)*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

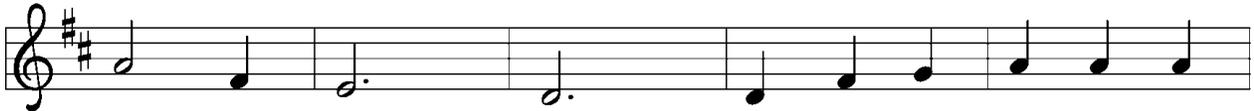
**SERMON**

# CONGREGATIONAL SONG

## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

### *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these sisters and brothers, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

*A representative of the congregation presents those making confirmation.*

I present Peyton Widecrantz, Greg Wolf, Mason Staub and McKenna Staub, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray,

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

*The presiding minister addressed the candidates.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil, the ways of sin, and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:*

***We renounce them.***

*The presiding minister addressed the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.*  
You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant of God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each person responds:*

***I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.***

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support this sister and these brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Those making affirmation may kneel.*

Let us pray,

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*The blessing may be repeated for each person. The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:*

Stir up in (Name) the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

*Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.*

Let us rejoice with this sister and these brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

#### **\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Holy Living One, Holy Moving One, burst open our locked doors, and by your Spirit drive us out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds. Direct our words and actions, trusting the Advocate abiding in and among us. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Feed and care for creatures that remain hidden to us yet contribute to the vibrancy of your creation. Train us to interact with creation from a place of wonder, awe, and reverence.

God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Send your Spirit to places where language is a barrier to justice and mercy for those who seek it. Bless the work of translators, interpreters, and teachers. Promote understanding for the sake of those longing for true freedom and peace. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Comfort all who live in constant fear and any who are suffering (*especially*). Remind them that your Spirit has made them your children and that they are never far from your glory. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Guide all bishops, pastors, missionaries, and other ministers of the gospel (*as you did for Boniface, whom we commemorate today*). Foster our relationships with partner synods and local ministry partners (*especially*), that our visions and actions are Spirit-led. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Gather your people across regions, nations, and lands. Root our common life in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and by your Spirit bind us together with all the saints who have gone before us. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING / SPECIAL MUSIC

### \* OFFERING SONG - "WE ARE AN OFFERING"

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of four lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We lift our voi - ces; We lift our hands; We lift our lives up to you, We are an of - fer - ring. Lord, use our voi - ces; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives they are yours, We are an of - fer - ring; We are an of - fer - ring." The score ends with a double bar line.

**\* OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary...*(Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the*

*day or season, concluding:)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\* 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 and ever. Amen**

## \* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.  
We come.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS who believe that the risen Christ is present in the Eucharist to forgive sin and renew life are invited to share at your pew. Please remain there, kneel as you are able, and receive the elements using the communion packet you were given. If there are other special needs, please speak to an usher.)*

## \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
Amen

## \* POST COMMUNION HYMN

### Go, My Children, with My Blessing

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Go, My Children, with My Blessing". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "3 'Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me." The second staff continues with: "Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free." The third staff continues with: "Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you." The fourth staff concludes with: "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

## \* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

## \* BLESSING

And now a Blessing: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

\* CLOSING SONG

Spirit of Gentleness

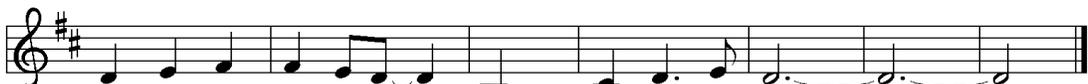
*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



*Refrain*

“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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 Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley  
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\* SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

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