"Ultimately spiritual gifts are not our presumed strengths and abilities, not something that we 'have' (or even have been given), but what God does through us in spite of ourselves and our weakness."

Richard Gaffin, Perspectives on Pentecost

"Our exercise of the spiritual gifts is nothing more or less than Christ himself ministering through his body to his body, to the Father and to all mankind. From heaven Christ uses Christians as his mouth, his hands, his feet, even his smile; it is through us his people that he speaks, acts, meets, loves and saves, here and now in this world."

J. I. Packer, Keep in Step with the Spirit

"The whole purpose of the Spirit's concrete manifestations is to express the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord and to thus build believers into a community of love."

Alan Johnson, Commentary on 1 Corinthians 12





CALL TO WORSHIP • Isaiah 12:4-6

Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!
He is risen indeed!
Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Genesis 3:7-9

The eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, 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?"

CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Father in heaven, we confess that we have doubted your gracious love. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our own agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Genesis 3:21

The LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

May the peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you!*

OFFERING • Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

DOXOLOGY

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 68:11-13, 18

11 The Lord gives the word;

the women who announce the news are a great host:

"The kings of the armies—they flee, they flee!"

The women at home divide the spoil—

though you men lie among the sheepfolds—the wings of a dove covered with silver,

its pinions with shimmering gold...

You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray...

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to reign in justice as our King: Cause our President and Congress to love justice and mercy. Help our Mayor and City Council to increase the peace of the city.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to destroy the works of the devil: Restrain the wickedness in our city by your Law. Destroy the wickedness in our own hearts by your Spirit. Protect us from the temptations, deceit and accusations of the devil.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to bring us peace with God: Bring peace between nations in Your world; help Ascension to live in your peace together; come again soon to fully establish your peace on earth.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to seek and save that which was lost:

Show mercy to our friends who do not yet know you; deepen our faith in the Gospel of grace.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to destroy death and to bring life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Comfort those who are suffering in grief, in poverty, in sickness, in injustice.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to sympathize with our weaknesses: *Please hear us as we bring you our specific requests.* (Silent prayer)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray now in the words you taught 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.

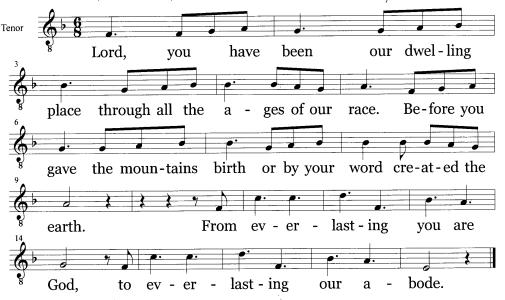
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place

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A thousand years are in your sight brief as a portion of the night. Short as a dream our seasons pass; our lives are like the tender grass, Luxuriant at the break of day, that in the evening fades away.

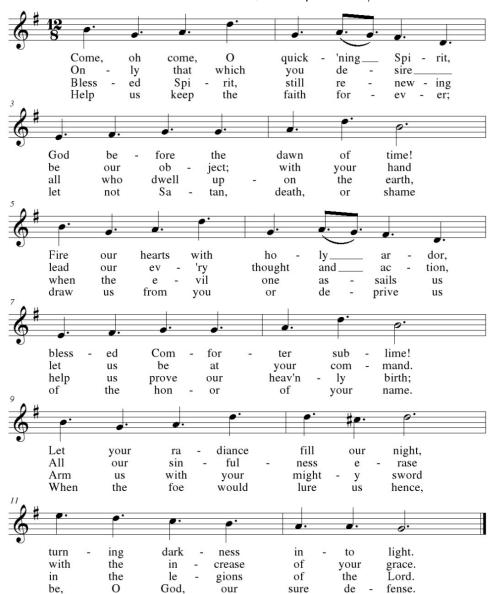
Your anger brings us sorrow, grief; your wrath brings fear without relief. Before your clear and searching sight our secret sins are brought to light. Beneath your wrath we pine and die, our life expiring with a sigh.

O teach us, Lord, to count our days and set our hearts on wisdom's ways. Turn, Lord, to us in our distress, in pity now your servants bless. Let mercy's dawn dispel our night and all our day with joy be bright.

Let mercy's dawn dispel our night and all our day with joy be bright.

Come, Oh Come, O Quickening Spirit

Text and Music: Heinrich Held (1620-1659), arr. Chip Ueltschey



NEW TESTAMENT READING • 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

- ¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.
- ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.
- ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

SERMON • "The Gifts of the Spirit" (Rev. Eric Costa)





CONFESSION OF FAITH (Jn. 20:28; Rom. 10:9; 1 Cor. 12:3; Eph. 4:5; Phil. 2:6-11)

What does God the Father want you to know and trust?

Jesus Christ is Lord!

What does God the Spirit enable you to confess and proclaim?

Iesus Christ is Lord!

What is the grace and truth of the revelation of God?

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Who is the Lord of your life?

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Who is the Lord of the church?

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Who is the Lord of heaven and earth?

Jesus Christ is Lord, and there is no other! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE • Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(Greet one another with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

THE MYSTERIUM FIDEI • 1 Corinthians 11:26; 5:7-8

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God's grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after the musicians. The glasses on your right contain grape juice for those who do not want wine. There are gluten-free crackers on the table. An Elder is available in the back for prayer [James 5:13-16].)

In Sweet Communion

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I'll Fly Away

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Some bright morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away! To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away!

(Chorus) I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away! When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away!

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away! Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly, I'll fly away! (Chorus)

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away! To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away! (Chorus)

BENEDICTION • Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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Remember: every gathering is an opportunity to invite a friend, to introduce people to the Christ-centered community and life of the church!

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (today!) we collect a special offering—*Alms*—during the Lord's Supper, to help meet needs in our congregation and community. After Worship we engage together in a ministry of compassion—*the Backpack Project*—providing food to children in need at W. L. Henry Elementary School. This is a great opportunity to talk with our kids about generosity and service as a regular part of our lives as Christians.

Friesen Sendoff Potluck & Safari Sam's • Today after Worship.

Moms' Group • 10am Tue., June 7 at the home of Sara Sery. Coffee, pastries, and lunch provided. RSVP.

Rejoicing in Christ Home Group • Sun., June 12 after Worship at the home of Joe and Cindy Pope (15953 SW Tuscany St., Tigard). Join us for lunch and conversation about chapter four ("Life in Christ"). RSVP: joepope@comcast.net.

Church Campout • Fri. - Sun., Aug. 19-21, at the Deschutes River State Rec. Area. Mark your calendars! We'll join our sister congregation, Hope (Portland), for the weekend. Stay tuned for more details...

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Today: Jagues Next Sunday: Hamilton

Refreshments Volunteers • Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com).

Today: Jaques Next Sunday: Sery

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