

Order of Worship
Sunday, May 2, 2021
11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

GREETING/PASSING THE PEACE

Breath of Life,

You created us in your image and breathed into us life.

Ease our labored breathing.

Revive us.

Purify us.

Flow through our whole bodies.

So that we may be filled with your grace.

We pray through the Spirit who sustains us. Amen.

Rev. David C. Freeman

OPENING HYMN 539

O Spirit of the Living God

O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow
until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal.

Teach us to utter living words
of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand
when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime
shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family

by whom thy will is done.

So shall we know the power of Christ
who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness,
which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach
creation's glorious goal!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Donna Hankins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8: 22-27

Kyle Linson

SERMON

Comforter
Fresh Air Worship Series Part 1

Rev. David C. Freeman

OFFERTORY

In Remembrance
Kyle Linson, James Stanley & Elizabeth Small

INVITATION/THE PRAYER OF EASTER

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Spirit of God, Breath of Life, in whom we live and move and breathe and have our being, receive now this worship we have offered. We thank you for your presence among us in this time and always. Send us from here filled with you power that by truthful words, just actions, and shared life, we may witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ., in whose name we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 454 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Donna Hankins

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you and blessed your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and
the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Christ gave thanks to you, broke bread (*break the bread*), gave it to his disciples and said, "Take eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup (*pour into the chalice*), gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; for this is my blood poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world, the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE