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WELCOME & COMMUNITY NEWS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Choral Prelude, by Dietrich Buxtehude



GATHERING PRAYER

The grace of the 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:

**Spirit of God,
we have gathered together in this place to pray
Give us faith, that when you come like the wind,
though we do not see you,
yet we may hear what you are saying to us
and discern your movement.
Give us courage, that we may not fear the tongues of flame:
let all that is unworthy, impure, and sinful
be burned from our lives.
May we know that it is love that burns so brightly
and love that strips away our sin.
Give us an open mind, Lord, that the truth you bring
may make its home with us:
truth to guide and inform us,
and truth to lead us in the way of your will.
Give us an open heart, Lord,
that we may seek all people for your realm,
and set no limits to the proclaiming of your Word.
Holy Spirit, with the whole church
we wait for you in every place
and in every generation.
Come, wind. Come, fire.
Come, truth. Come, love.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.**

Those who wish may stand

OPENING HYMN

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Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#), indicating D major or B minor. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system begins with a new line of music. The third system also ends with a double bar line, and the fourth system begins with a new line of music. The final system ends with a double bar line.

Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
Have you not bid us love you ev - ery way?
Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
All, all your own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind;
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as you are,
I see your cross, there teach my heart to stay;
The bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
O let me seek you, and O let me find.
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12: 36b-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 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. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Part the Waters/I Need Thee Every Hour, by Charles F. Brown
Ashley Jankoski, Soloist

MESSAGE

The Spirit Made Me Do It

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HYMN OF REFLECTION

Come Down, O Love Divine

Those who wish may stand

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek out this soul of mine
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the year - ing strong with which the soul will long

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing:
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing:
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing:

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess God's grace, till love cre - ates a place,

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

. . . ending with 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 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.**

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

How Great Thou Art, by Stuart K. Hine
Ashley Jankoski, Soloist

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father (*Creator*), Son (*Christ*), and Holy Ghost..
Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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CLOSING HYMN

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Those who wish may stand

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing
in my heart I will pray, Yes, ev-ery time I feel the
Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.
Up - on the moun-tain my God spoke, out of God's
Oh, Jor-dan riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the
mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -
bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly
round me; looked so fine; I asked my
one train on this track; it runs to
God if all were mine.
heav - en, then right back.

Text: African-American Spiritual, Tune: African-American Spiritual

BLESSING AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

Festal Flourish, by Gordon Jacob

Today's Service

Rev. Bruce D. Mulder

Dr. Michael Match

John Mattson

Ashley Jankoski

Tom Hardy

Blake Filius

Interim Pastor

Music Director

Organist

Soloist

Liturgist/Prayer

Audio and Video

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Flowers are sponsored by Mike and Cathy Saunders in memory of our mothers Audrey Bielinski and Katherine Zagers.

Child Care is available on the second floor for infants and toddlers.

Those whose last names begin with the letters T through Z please bring cookies or treats during the month of June. Please label ingredients as we have many with allergies.

Life-long Learning — Today we will continue with our discussion "If the Church Were Christian"-Ch. 2. We meet in the lower level at 11:45 a.m. Look for our sign.

Eurythmy Classes are Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 are back! We meet in the Activity Room in lower level. Wear loose fitting clothes. \$10 per class.

We are looking for Sunday morning coffee hosts who are willing to set up for coffee hour and refill items throughout the hour. Please sign up sheet at Welcome Center. Questions can be directed to Mike Frasier, Facilities Manager.

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings from 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a Zumba Class emphasizing the 3's (Cardio, conditioning and choreography \$3 per class) There is also a Cardio-Drumming exercise class on Thursday mornings from 9-10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join either sitting or standing. \$3 per class.

Women's Single Group will meet at Lefty and Romos, 1985 Holton Rd., North Muskegon on Tuesday, June 2 at 1 pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call Judy D.

Join us from 9:00-10:30 AM for a nutritious, free, hot meal in Fellowship Hall. The Saturday Breakfast will be held Saturday, May 30, 2026 (and the last Saturday of every month.) Please contact Donna Lachniet (DGL2846@aol.com) to volunteer. Cowboy will hold a Chapel Service (just down the hall) following the breakfast for all who are interested.

Our Saturday Breakfast Garden is in full swing. Please consider volunteering for one or many Tuesday's and/or Saturday's this spring and summer. Bring your whole family! Pick up a detailed list at the Welcome Center. Garden hours: Tuesdays 1-3 & Saturdays 10 to noon.