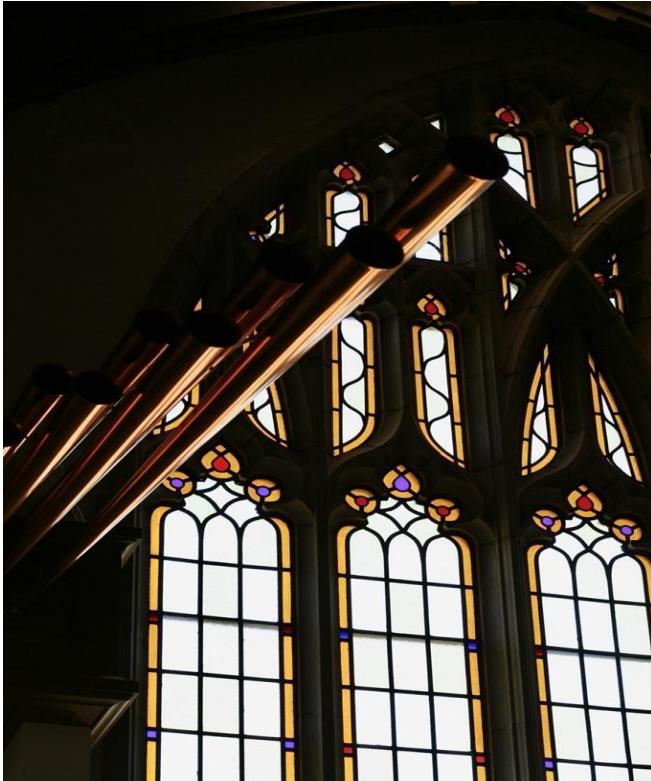


May 28, 2023 7pm

Night Church

"Yours is the day, yours also the night."
Psalm 74:16



Loving God. Loving People.
Growing in Christ Together.

Leading: The Rev. Brian Suggs

Welcome

The Greeting:

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A candle is lit.

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

All: **he has given us new life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Leader: God has claimed us as his own:

All: **He has made us light to the world.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Opening Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray.
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Song of Praise:

Breathe On Us

Kari Jobe

Verse 1:

There is a shaking
Let hearts awaken
Our God is moving
Forever changing us

Verse 2:

There is a trembling
There is revival
The sound of worship
So great and glorious
Holy Spirit hear us now

Chorus:

Breathe on us
Holy fire, fall
Come and fill this place with Your presence
Like a rushing wind
Send Your spirit here
Breath of heaven, breathe on us
Breath of heaven, breathe on us

Verse 1, Verse 2, Chorus**Bridge:**

Lift up your hands and shout
The Lord is with us now
Lift up your voice and sing
He is holy

Chorus x2

Bible Reading:
Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit

and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other. But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, “They’re just drunk, that’s all!” Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days,’ God says,
‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your young men will see visions,
and your old men will dream dreams.
In those days I will pour out my Spirit
even on my servants—men and women alike—
and they will prophesy.
And I will cause wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below—
blood and fire and clouds of smoke.

The sun will become dark,
and the moon will turn blood red
before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives.
But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
will be saved.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Bible Reading:
John 20:19-23

A reading from John's gospel.

That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Talk:
The Rev. Brian Suggs

Response to God's Word:

After hearing the scriptures read and hearing more about them during 'the talk', we respond with our beliefs about who God is.

Leader: I invite those who would like to make a profession of Christian faith to join with me in the Apostles' Creed.

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

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 to the dead.
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.

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.

Song of Praise:
Leave Me Astounded
Planet Shakers

Verse 1:

All my hands have made I'm laying down
All that I hold dear, my many crowns
I have tasted and seen of Your great love
You satisfy me, You satisfy me

Chorus:

Spirit fall, open up Heaven's door
We're waiting with worship for more
You're the only love that satisfies me

Verse 2:

My constant request above all things
Every hour I wake, be near me
Though I've tasted and seen of Your great love
Show me Your glory, show me Your glory

Chorus 2:

Spirit fall, open up Heaven's door
We're waiting with worship for more
You're the only love that satisfies me
Lord we run, into Your loving arms
We're safe and secure in Your love
You're the only love that satisfies me

Bridge:

Leave me astounded, leave me amazed
Show off Your glory, let Heaven invade
We're waiting with worship, we're waiting with praise
For the almighty presence of God to invade

Chorus

Prayer:

This is a time to bring those people and things that are on our hearts and minds to God. Intercessions (prayers said for others) are offered and we end by saying the prayer that Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer.

Blessed are you, eternal God,
to be praised and glorified for ever.

Hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church:
make us all one, that the world may believe.

Grant that every member of the Church
may truly and humbly serve you:
that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name:
give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority
in the nations of the world:
guide them in the ways of justice and peace.

Make us alive to the needs of our community:
help us to share each other's joys and burdens.

Look with kindness on our homes and families:
grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Bless all who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble:
may you strengthen, heal, and comfort them.

We thank you, God of all creation, for your great love
toward us and for your many blessings in this life.
(take a moment and aloud or silently to offer thanks to God).

Lord of the Church,
**hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

Leader: Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
so in faith and trust we pray:

All: **Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession:

During confession we all say sorry to God and ask for forgiveness for the wrong things (called sin) we've done and for the things we've thought in our minds that aren't pleasing to God. We also say sorry and ask forgiveness for the things we haven't done but should have done. We all need God's forgiveness, so we ask for it. God has promised to always forgive us.

Leader: Jesus is our high priest, tempted like us,
yet without sin.
He lives for ever in heaven to intercede for us.
Through him we approach the throne of grace
with confidence, and confess our sins.

cf Hebrews 4.15,16

All: God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have
thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to
do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution:
God's forgiveness of us all is proclaimed.

Leader: May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace:
*Just as we've made peace with God through confession, this
is an opportunity to make peace with one another. You're
invited to greet one another.*

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Song of Praise:
Great Are You Lord
All Sons & Daughters

Verse:
You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

Chorus:
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Verse and Chorus

Bridge x2:

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

Chorus:

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Ending:

Great are You, Lord

Closing Prayer:

***All:* Heavenly Father,
we share together the blessing of your presence.
Give us in this life knowledge of your truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Blessing (sung):

***All:* Go now in peace; go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

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