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# "Jesus, The Way"

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Marriottsville, MD

## WE GATHER

"Come Down O Love Divine (Variation III on Down Ampney)" (UMH 475) Jan Bender

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Welcome

Introit

#### "Come, Holy Spirit" TFWS 2125

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**Call to Worship** 

ONE: The Spirit of Truth is moving . . . pouring out prophetic possibilities for all to see. The Spirit of Truth is speaking . . . offering words of vision and hope.

The Spirit of Truth is with us . . . weaving dreams of unity and love.

**Opening Prayer** 

Spirit of Truth, pour out your presence on us.

Cause wonders to occur as we dream your dreams and see your visions. Create unity and love as you weave us together as one body of Christ, one family of God, and one community of justice and peace. Amen.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Abba, Father, Parent of us all, bind us together as your children. Free us from the chains of division and divisiveness. Unstop our blocked ears, that we might listen and hear one another with understanding and compassion. Pour out unity and love so abundant, through the power of your Holy Spirit, that all resistance to a new Pentecost community may be swept away. Amen.

Liturgist: Everyone who calls on the name of God has been saved, is being saved, and will be saved. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven!

ALL: In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

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Chancel Choir

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Prelude

#### Verse 1

See how great a flame aspires Kindled by a spark of grace Jesus' love the nations fires Sets the kingdoms on a blaze To bring fire on earth He came Kindled in some hearts it is O that all might catch the flame All partake the glorious bliss

#### Verse 3

Saints of God your Savior praise Who the door hath opened wide He hath given the word of grace Jesus' word is glorified Jesus mighty to redeem He alone the work hath wrought Worthy is the work of Him Him who spake a world from naught

#### Verse 2

When He first the work begun Small and feeble was His day Now the Word doth swiftly run Now it wins its widening way More and more it spreads and grows Ever mighty to prevail Sin's strongholds it now o'erthrows Shakes the trembling gates of hell

#### Verse 4

Saw ye not the cloud arise Little as a human hand Now it spreads along the skies Hangs o'er all the thirsty land Lo! The promise of a shower Drops already from above But the Lord will shortly pour All the spirit of his love

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#### **Children's Moment**

Jelinda Blum

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#### Scripture

#### Acts 2:1-21 (CEB)

2 When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

<sup>5</sup> There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. <sup>7</sup> They were surprised and amazed, saying, "Look, aren't all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? <sup>8</sup> How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!" <sup>12</sup> They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> Others jeered at them, saying, "They're full of new wine!"

<sup>14</sup> Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, "Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! <sup>15</sup> These people aren't drunk, as you suspect; after all, it's only nine o'clock in the morning! <sup>16</sup> Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams. 18 Even upon my servants, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup> I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and a cloud of smoke. <sup>20</sup> The sun will be changed into darkness, and the moon will be changed into blood, before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes. <sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.<sup>[a]</sup>

#### Scripture

#### John 14:8-17, 25-27 (CEB)

<sup>8</sup> Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus replied, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don't speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion,<sup>[a]</sup> who will be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

<sup>25</sup> "I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. <sup>26</sup> The Companion,<sup>[a]</sup> the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.

<sup>27</sup> "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid.

Anthem

#### "Fall on Me"

**Chancel Choir** 

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Message

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#### Litany for Christian Unity (UMH 556)

Let us ask the Lord to strengthen in all Christians faith in Christ, the Savior of the world. **Listen to us. O Lord.** 

Let us ask the Lord to sustain and guide Christians with his gifts along the way to full unity.

Listen to us, O Lord.

Let us ask the Lord for the gift of unity and peace for the world.

Listen to us, O Lord.

Let us pray. We ask you, O Lord, for the gifts of your Spirit.

Enable us to penetrate the depth of the whole truth, and grant that we may share with others the goods you have put at our disposal.

Teach us to overcome divisions. Send us your Spirit to lead to full unity your sons and daughters in full charity, in obedience to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**Offering Prayer** 

**Holy Communion** 

**Closing Hymn** 

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

UMH 334

Verse 1

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord There are sweet expressions on each face And I know they feel the presence of the Lord

#### Refrain

Sweet Holy Spirit Sweet heavenly Dove Stay right here with us Filling us with Your love And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise Without a doubt we'll know That we have been revived When we shall leave this place

#### Benediction

Even as the Spirit sends new visions and dreams,

the Spirit sustains us with ancient power and renewed strength and love.

Even as the Spirit sends us forth,

the Spirit goes with us to lead the way.

Go forth praising God, sharing faith, offering prayer and gathering hope!.+. And all God's people said, "Amen!"

Postlude "Come Down O Love Divine (Variation II and IV on Down Ampney)" (UMH 475) Jan Bender

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#### **Questions for Reflection**

What gift of yours, of your family, and of your community has the Holy Spirit especially nurtured in recent times?

How might that gift be expressed and used in a new way in the coming year??

### Household Prayer: Morning

Gracious God,

we thank you for the peace of good sleep and for keeping us safe throughout the night. Let this new day be a time of praise and joy as we go out to meet you in our sisters and brothers. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### Household Prayer: Evening

Merciful Lord, as night comes to this house, we thank you for the challenges and accomplishments of this day. Give our hearts and minds the comfort now to rest in your care, trusting that whatever tomorrow brings, your hand will be ready to catch us if we fall. Amen.

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