

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**Sunday, June 9, 2019**

**Prelude** *Allegro* (from Sonata #5, BWV 529) J. S. Bach

**Welcome**

**Introit** Come All You People A. Gondo  
*Plymouth Matins*

**Call to Worship** T. Peterson

One: Here in this place, God's light is streaming in.

**All:** We gather in God's light, to be light for the world.

One: Here in this place, God's wind is blowing.

**All:** We gather—young and old, strong and weak—

**to be renewed by the breath of God.**

One: Here in this place, God's fire is burning.

**All:** We gather to be set on fire with God's love.

**Hymn 601** SPIRIT  
Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; And over the eons you called to each thing, "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**You swept through the desert, you stung with the**

**sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a land, When they were confounded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.**

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still, And down in the city you called once again when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes, from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams; Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a desire to be your faithful people. Hear us pray ...

*(moments for silent reflections)*

**Words of Assurance**

**Anthem** Many Gifts, One Spirit A. Pote

**Children's Message** Dee Buchanan  
Dream Small  
*The Children of Vacation Bible School*

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Hymn 351** SHALOM  
Go Now in Peace  
Go now in peace, go now in peace, go now in peace. We'll meet here again, we'll meet here again, go now in peace.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory** Praise His Holy Name K. Hampton

**Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture Lesson****Acts 2:1-15**

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon****Peter Wiley****Hymn 218****EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL)**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, come with Pentecostal power; give the church a stronger vision, help us face each crucial hour. Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone, still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.**

**We would raise our alleluias for the grace of former years; for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O**

**God, our humble prayers. In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way; still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame. Help our struggling voices praise you, glorify your holy name. Good Creator, Savior, Spirit, Three in One: what mystery! We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.**

**Benediction****Passing of the Peace****Postlude**

Toccata in Seven

J. Rutter

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*Musical Guests:*

*Matins Choir*

*Susan Waller, Conductor*

*Carl Gravander, Organist and Accompanist*

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