



Service of Midday Prayer

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

First Presbyterian Church, Gathered Online

OPENING SENTENCES

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Ps. 124:8

Maker of heaven and earth.

You shall receive power
When the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
And you shall be my witnesses.

Acts 1:8

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

HYMN 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

1. Come down, O Love Divine; seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.
And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
3. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling.
For none can guess God's grace, till Love creates a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God,
you spoke the world into being.
Pour your Spirit to the ends of the earth,

that your children may return from exile
as citizens of your commonwealth,
and our divisions may be healed
by your word of love and righteousness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

HYMN 292

As the Wind Song

WAIKUA TAPU

1. As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze,
So it is with the Spirit of God,
As the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm,
So it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown
Bringing life, bringing power to the world,
As the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire,
So it is with the Spirit of God.
2. As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again,
So it is with the Spirit of God,
As the green in the spring, as a kite on a string,
So it is with the Spirit of God,
Making worlds that are new, making peace come true,
Bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
As the rising of the yeast, as the wine at feast,
So it is with the Spirit of God.

DISMISSAL

God has shown you what is good.
What does the Lord require of you?
To do justice, to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God.

Mic. 6:8

The God of peace be with us. **Amen.**
Bless the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**