



## The Worship of God May 31, 2020

**Instrumental Prelude** ..... Joseph Fuller and Kathleen Wilkins

*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.  
And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory,  
are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory,  
which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. ~ 2 Corinthians 3:17-18*

**Call to Worship** ..... Greg Stahl, Associate Pastor of Worship & Music

### ***Holy, Holy, Holy***

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Tho the darkness hide Thee,  
Tho the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### ***Sweet, Sweet Spirit***

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 that it's the presence of the Lord.  
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.

**Spoken Call to Worship**

The Spirit is among us  
*within us, around us, between us.*

The Spirit strengthens us  
*bringing courage, bringing conviction.*

The Spirit moves us,  
*helping us sing and praise.*

The Spirit is here to worship today.  
*May we feel the Spirit as we worship from many places.*

*May we be fed by its fiery strength.*

*May we be emboldened by its powerful wind.*

We gather in the Spirit's arms to be nurtured as we worship.

*And may our worship fill us with the Spirit  
as we live our daily lives.*

**Morning Prayer**

**Words of Welcome**

**Special Report from the ROBC Pastor Search Committee** ..... Gail Stewart

**Recognition of 2020 Graduates** ..... Christian Johns, Minister of Youth

***Joshua Wilson***

Strake Jesuit College Prep, Class of 2020

Will be attending Baylor University studying Business

***Esther Lee***

Houston Baptist University,

Bachelor of Arts in Music; Minor in Psychology

**Message in Song** ..... Allen Stowe and Greg Stahl

***Hiding in Thee***

**Pastoral Prayer** ..... Dr. Brian Brewer, Interim Pastor

***A Rushing, Mighty Wind***

A rushing, mighty wind roars through a crowded room,  
and tongues of fire upon their heads disperse the people's gloom.

God's Spirit blows the wind and lights the blood red flame;  
a Pentecost of tongues explodes in praise of Jesus' name.

Lord, make our breath a wind and let our tongues be fire,  
and as at that first Pentecost Your people's lives inspire.

## ***My Lord Is Near Me All the Time***

In the lightning flash across the sky His mighty power I see,  
and I know if He can reign on high, High light can shine on me.

### ***Refrain:***

I've seen it in the lightning, heard it in the thunder,  
and felt it in the rain; my Lord is near me all the time,  
My Lord is near me all the time.

When refreshing showers cool the earth and sweet across the sea,  
then His rainbow shines within my heart, His nearness comforts me.

### ***Refrain***

**Sermon** ..... Dr. Brian Brewer

## ***Tongues of Fire***

### **Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by 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 men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. <sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. <sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

***Refrain:***

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

***Refrain***

**Benediction** .....Dr. Brian Brewer