

## We Gather as the People of God

‡Musical Call to Worship      *Be Thou My Vision*      arr. Wood

‡Greeting, Announcements, and Invitation to Discipleship

‡Moment for Buckingham the Pig      Kirk Anderson

\*‡Introit Hymn No. **826**      *Lift High the Cross*      CRUCIFER  
(verse 1)

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

\*‡Call to Worship

One: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

**Many: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

One: The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

**Many: And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"**

One: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

**Many: Let us worship God in holy splendor.**

\*‡Hymn No. **278**      *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire*      VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*(Let us pray with one voice.)*

**God, we are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.**

*(Moment for Silent Prayer)*

Kyrie No. **582**      *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*      GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

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**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

\*‡Exchange of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Greet one another in the peace of Christ.

Come, Holy Ghost,  
Our Souls Inspire

1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire, and light - en  
 2 Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove is com - fort,  
 3 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and thee, of



with ce - les - tial fire; thou the a - noint - ing  
 life, and fire of love; en - a - ble with per -  
 both, to be but one, that through the a - ges



Spir - it art, who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.  
 pet - ual light the dull - ness of our mor - tal sight.  
 all a - long this may be our end - less song;



4 Praise to thine e - ter - nal mer - it, Fa - ther,



Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.

This text, originally written in Latin in the 9th century, has had long and active use, both for Pentecost and for ordinations (where it has appeared in Anglican prayer books since 1662). Though created for an older hymn, this plainchant tune has set this text from earliest days.

\*‡Response Hymn No. **264**

*At the Name of Jesus.*  
(verse 1)

KING'S WESTON

**At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

### **We Hear God's Word**

\*Hymn No. **279**

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

ST. AGNES

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:7-18, 21-22

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*Down to the Water to Pray*  
(Words printed on the back of the bulletin.)

arr. Choplin

Narrative Drama

Message

*And Then What?*

Kelly McFall

### **We Respond to God's Word**

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

arr. Larson

Joys and Concerns of the People

**Joy:** First Presbyterian Church, Independence

**Ministry:** Jacob's Learning Ladder

**Care and Comfort:** Caroline Atchison, Robin Bissey, Blanche, Janice DeMayo, Steve DeMayo,  
Sheena Heimberg, Patti McDermott, Carol Taylor, Phil Vawter, Zach Yevak

**Sympathy to:** the family and friends of Jean Scott at her death

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

(Traditional)

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

### **We Are Sent as God's Servants into the World**

\*Hymn No. **826**

*Lift High the Cross*  
(verses 2-4)

CRUCIFER

\*Charge and Blessing

One: Alleluia! Amen.

**Many: Alleluia! Amen.**

The Postlude

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Slagle Mayo

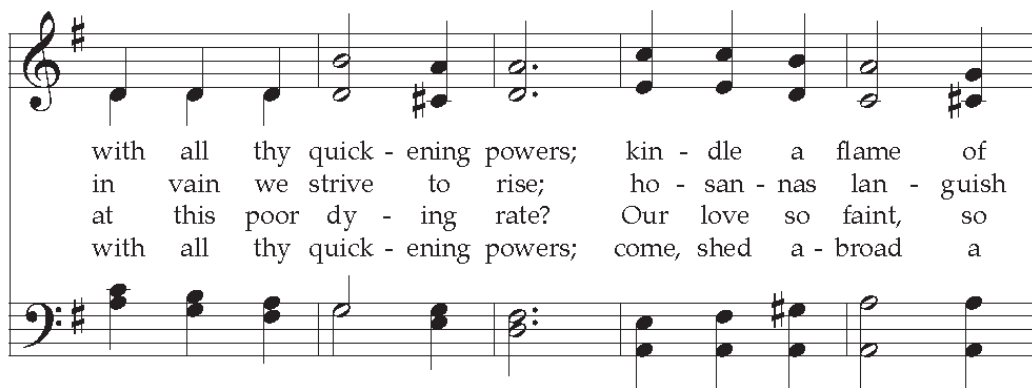
*\*(Please rise in body or in spirit.)*

‡(Time to seat those who arrive after the start of the service)


## Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove 279



1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,  
 2 In vain we tune our for - mal songs;  
 3 Dear Lord, and shall we ev - er live  
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,



with all thy quick - ening powers; kin - dle a flame of  
 in vain we strive to rise; ho - san - nas lan - guish  
 at this poor dy - ing rate? Our love so faint, so  
 with all thy quick - ening powers; come, shed a - broad a



sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.  
 on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.  
 cold to thee, and thine to us so great!  
 Sav - ior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

In contrast with many hymns to the Holy Spirit, this one is notable for being in the plural, a valuable reminder that the Holy Spirit has been bestowed on the whole Church, not just on a few individuals. The tune was composed for "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" (no. 629).

## **Leading and Serving in Worship Today**

The Rev. Dr. Steven M. Marsh, Interim Pastor  
Kirk Anderson, Director of Student Ministries  
Kelly McFall, Elder  
Ginny Vincent, Liturgist  
Sean Foster, Interim Director of the Chancel Choir  
Kelsey Wise, Organist  
Chancel Choir  
Capri Zimmerman, Reader  
Drama Troupe: Kevin East and Charlene Randle

## **Worship Notes**

### ***Down to the Water to Pray*** (Anthem)

Traditional, arr. by Pepper Choplin

Let's go down, down to the water to pray...

When I went down to the water to pray,  
studying about that good ole way,  
how You supply eternal life, Good Lord, show me the way.

O brother, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.

O brother, let's go down, down to the water to pray.

When I went down to the water to pray...

O sister, let's go down...

When I went down to the water to pray...

O children, let's go down...

When I went down to the water to pray...

O people, let's go down...

## Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*to Refrain*

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.