

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

10:30 a.m.

**\*Please rise, in body or in spirit.**

**Gathering Music**

Brian, John, and Paul

**Welcome**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Prelude**

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

Susan Brown

**\*Call to Worship**

Avery Smith and Millie Crittenden

Leader: We have gathered to give witness to the presence of God's Spirit in our time.

**People: A mighty wind has blown, and tongues of fire have danced.**

Leader: The presence of God's Spirit is with us.

**People: Just as Jesus promised.**

Leader: The presence of the Spirit moves and gathers us into community.

**People: The Spirit moves us to lives of nurturing and changing one another.**

**All: God's power is at work in and through us.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

No. 692

**\*Prayer for the Day (unison)**

Millie Crittenden

**God of all generations,**

**We gather today to worship, celebrate, and remember your faithfulness. By your grace, we have arrived at this day, and we take this moment to reflect upon the many blessings and hardships that brought us here. As we prepare our hearts and minds to worship, we cannot help but bear witness to where we have been and the challenges we have overcome. We cannot help but look forward with hope, knowing your work is not yet accomplished. Our futures are not yet written, but our paths are secure, for you are our shepherd, and you guide us into life and love. We gather to worship, remember, acknowledge, and reflect. May your Spirit attend to our thoughts and dreams, and may we find courage among your people today. Amen.**

**Call to Confession**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Oak Hill Community

**O God of all nations and peoples, we praise your name. We rejoice in the many languages that proclaim your word and your wonderful deeds. We give thanks for the movement of your Spirit alive in your people, churches, and the world. God of wind and fire, we confess that sometimes we fear your Spirit. In those moments when the Spirit gushes, pushes, and challenges us toward the unknown, we would often rather cling to comfort and the familiar. Forgive our hesitations, God, and renew the ability in us to entrust our lives to you. Move us beyond boundaries of language and nationality into your endless and extravagant love. In this world so in need of forgiveness, peace, and healing, lead us to those who overcome fear, offer messages of hope, and practice your infinite graciousness. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayers of confession.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Hymn**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

No. 66

**Memories and Reflections**

Millie Crittenden and Avery Smith

**Peace**

Oak Hill Community

**Time for Growing Disciples**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

<b>Anthem</b>	<i>As the Wind Song</i>	Donna Cook
<b>First Scripture Reading</b>	Psalm 104:24-34	Avery Smith
<b>Second Scripture Reading</b>	Acts 2:1-21	Rev. Wanda Lawry
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Fresh Wind of the Spirit</i>	Rev. Wanda Lawry
<b>Hymn</b>	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	No. 288
<b>Offering</b>	<i>You can make an offering online at <a href="http://www.oakhillpcusa.org">www.oakhillpcusa.org</a>, place it in the plate on the table in the back of the sanctuary, or mail your check to the church.</i>	Oak Hill Community
<b>*Response</b>	<i>We Give Thee but Thine Own</i> <b>We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.</b>	
<b>Prayers of the People</b>		Oak Hill Community
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		Oak Hill Community
	<b>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.</b>	
<b>Announcements</b>		Rev. Wanda Lawry
<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	<i>Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness</i>	No. 291
<b>Benediction</b>		Rev. Wanda Lawry
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Pentecostal Power</i>	Susan Brown

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**First Scripture Reading** Psalm 104:24-34

<sup>24</sup>O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

<sup>27</sup>These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

<sup>28</sup>when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup>When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—

<sup>32</sup>who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

<sup>34</sup>May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

***People: Thanks be to God!***

## Second Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>2</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

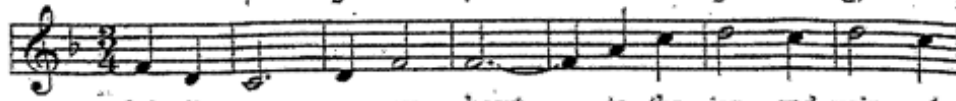
***People: Thanks be to God!***

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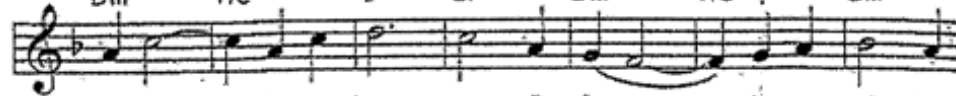
# 692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> C7



Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)  
Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7 Dm F/C Gm



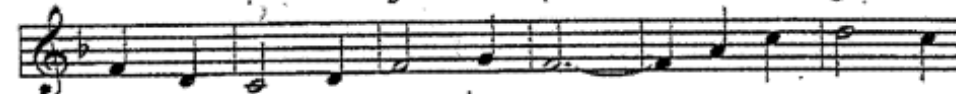
liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)  
F B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup> F



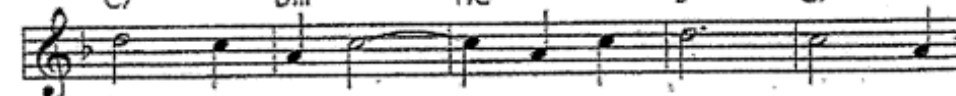
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>



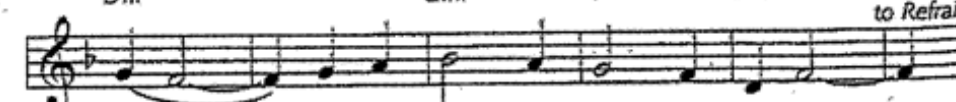
- 1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
- 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
- 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)  
C7 Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)  
Dm Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup>2 B<sup>b</sup>



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1994  
MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011  
Text © 1996 The Pilgrim Press  
Music Harm. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME  
Irregular

# 66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's  
2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so  
bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine,  
track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

TEXT: African American spiritual  
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Joseph T. Jones, 20th cent.; adapt. Melva Wilson Costen, 1989  
Music Adapt. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

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## Spirit of the Living God 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

## KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서  
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서  
 빛으시고 채우소서  
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

## SPANISH

*Santo Espiritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.  
 Santo Espiritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.  
 Tóname, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.  
 Santo Espiritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

TEXT: Daniel Iverson, 1926; Korean Trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee; Spanish trans. anon. LIVING GOD  
 MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926 Irregular  
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 Korean Trans. © 2001 Birdwing Music (admin: EMCMCPublishing.com)

# 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Refrain*

Spir - it, spir - it, spir - it of gen - tile - ness, blow through the  
 wil - der - ness, call - ing and frec. Spir - it,  
 spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,  
 wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the  
 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a  
 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 from the bond - age of sor - row the

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -  
 law and a land. When they were con - found -  
 cap - tives dream still. And down in the cit -  
 ons you called to each thing, "A -  
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you  
 y; you called once a - gain when you  
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With  
 wake from your slum - bers and  
 spoke through your proph - ets to  
 bold new de - ci - sions ple on the  
 rise on your wings." and  
 o - pen their eyes. rush of the wind. to  
 peo - ple a - rise. your

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense, but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

TEXT: James K. Manley, 1975, all.  
 MUSIC: James K. Manley, 1976  
 Text and Music © 1978 James K. Manley

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