

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 23, 2023

Search me, O God, and know my heart.  
Test me and know my thoughts.  
See if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm 139:23-24

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**Sunday, July 23, 2023**

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

Prelude *L'Aurore* *G. Bizet*  
Call to Worship *Isaiah 55:1-3*  
\*Opening Hymn *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

*One:* Teach us your way, O Holy One,  
that we may travel in your truth;  
give us an unified heart to revere your name.

**All: I give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart,  
for great is your steadfast love towards me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

*One:* O God, the insolent rise up against the righteous;  
ruffians seek to oppress the meek.  
And still, you are merciful and gracious.

**All: Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
give your strength to your servant;  
show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may pay attention.**

*One:* Because you, O God, are slow to anger,  
you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness;  
you help those in need and comfort those in danger.

*(Psalm 86:11-17)*

\*The Peace of Christ

*One:* "The Peace of Christ be with you."

**All: And also with you!**

Matthew 11:16-30

Anthem *Bacarolle* *N. Gade*

Blessing

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\* As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

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Sermon	"Wisdom's Deeds"	
Hymn	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	
Prayers of the People		
The Lord's Prayer		
	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.</i></p> <p><i>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.</i></p> <p><i>For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</i></p>	
Invitation to the Offering		
Offertory	<i>Dona Nobis Pacem</i>	C. Robbins
Doxology	<i>Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).</i>	
	<p><i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow.</i></p> <p><i>Praise God all creatures here below.</i></p> <p><i>Praise God for all that Love has done.</i></p> <p><i>Creator, Christ, &amp; Spirit one. Amen.</i></p>	
*Closing Hymn	<i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>	
Benediction		<i>Isaiah 55:10-13</i>
Postlude	<i>Spirit of God</i>	L. Hartmann



*Welcome and Thank-you to Donna Chaff, our accompanist this summer while Elissa is on vacation.*

*Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Postlude in quiet contemplation.*

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### ***Our Core Values***

- Community
- Intergenerational Life
- Service and Social Action
- Worship and Spiritual Life
- Welcome and Hospitality

### ***Our Bedrock Beliefs***

- We believe we are called to be kind, love justice, and walk humbly with God.
  - We believe that God is present with us always in times of trial and rejoicing.
  - We embrace Jesus' call to love and serve one another.
  - We believe that God hears and answers our prayers.
  - We believe in the fullness of God's grace (unmerited favor).
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# Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Isaac Watts, 1707; alt.

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John 1:32

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note chord of G4 and B4. The second system continues the melody with quarter notes D5, E5, and F#5, followed by a half note G5. The piano accompaniment continues with a half note chord of G5 and B5. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove, with all your quick - ening powers;  
2 In vain we tune our for - mal songs, in vain we strive to rise;  
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove, with all your quick - ening powers;

Kin - dle a flame of sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.  
Ho - san - nas lan - guish on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.  
Come, shed on us the Sav - ior's love, that it may kin - dle ours.

*This text from an early collection of Watts' Hymns and Spiritual Songs (1707) has seen many modifications through the years, including some made by John Wesley on theological grounds.*

Tune: ST. AGNES C.M.  
John B. Dykes, 1866

# Spirit of the Living God

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*Daniel Iverson, 1926*

*Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Gal. 5:25*

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

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

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F

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

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

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

*Presbyterian minister Daniel Iverson was inspired to write this chorus one evening while attending revival services led by the George T. Stephans Evangelistic Party in Orlando, Florida, in 1926. It became widely popular at similar meetings before it was published several years later.*

Tune: IVERSON 7.5.7.5.8.7.5.  
*Daniel Iverson, 1926*

2 Cor. 3:17-5:5

Doris Akers, 1962; alt.

*Slowly*

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I  
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are  
know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

*to Refrain*

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
going to stay with Je - sus all the way."

*This is one of the most popular gospel songs from the corpus of African-American songwriters who emerged during the golden age of gospel (1930-1969). Although this era was dominated by the Baptists, Doris Akers had Methodist roots.*

Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT  
9.11.9.11. with refrain  
Doris Akers, 1962

*Refrain*

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.



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