

SUNDAY, May 19, 2024

Caldwell United Methodist Church, 8 Academy Road, Caldwell, N. J. 07006
Rev. Kil Jae Park, Pastor

Pentecost Sunday

Jackie Han, Music Minister

Without the Spirit of God, we
can do nothing. We are as ships
without wind. We are useless.

Charles H. Spurgeon

PRELUDE

“Holy Spirit of the Lord”

Jackie Han

OPENING VIDEO

Multimedia

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

P: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

L: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

P: Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.

L: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

P: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God’s presence and love in everything we say and do. AMEN.

*** OPENING HYMN**

“O Spirit of the Living God”

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**1 O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.**

**Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.**

**2 Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow
until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.**

**Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal.**

**3 Teach us to utter living words
of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand
when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime
shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family
by whom thy will is done.**

**4 So shall we know the power of Christ
who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness,
which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach
creation's glorious goal!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Spirit of the Living God, we confess that we have not loved one another as you have loved us. We are quick to find fault and speak ill of others, sins that undermine the fellowship of believers. We have let strangers and seekers among us feel like outsiders. We have not done our best to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ beyond the walls of the church. Forgive our casual disregard of Jesus' command to go and make disciples. Forgive us for not using faithfully the powerful gifts of love and service you gave the church at Pentecost. Renew a right spirit within us, that we may carry the love and mercy of Christ from this place into our weekday community and to the world beyond. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG

“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is”

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**Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace;
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.**

**There is comfort in life's darkest hour; there is light and life,
There is help and power in the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.**

SCRIPTURE**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

¹The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

²**He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.**

³He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

⁴**Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!**

⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.

⁶**I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD."**

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.

⁸**I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.**

⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"

¹⁰**So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.**

¹¹Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.'

¹²**Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.**

¹³Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.

¹⁴**I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD."**

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM**"Spirit Song"****CUMC Choir****MESSAGE****"The Breath of Life"****Pastor Park****RECEIVING THE MORNING'S OFFERINGS**

- **Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jeannie Lauriano and in memory of Michele Sauer's birthday.**
- **Special thanks to Jackie Han for hosting the time of Fellowship today. Please join us for fellowship immediately following the worship service.**
- **Pastor Park and Ken & Barbara will be attending the annual conference from Sunday to Tuesday. Please keep them and the clergy & laity from GNJAC in your prayers.**