

* **Call to Worship:** *based on Ps. 105:1-2; Rom. 5:5; Rev. 4:8*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;
we dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was and is and is to come!

* **God's Greeting**

* **All Creatures of Our God and King** #347:1,4 (HFG)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* **Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid** #425:1,3 (PH)

Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit every pious mind;
Come, pour thy joys on humankind;
From sin and sorrow set us free
And make thy temples worthy thee.

Plenteous of grace, descend from high,
Rich in thy sevenfold energy;
Make us eternal truths receive
And practice all that we believe;
Give us thyself that we may see
The Father and the Son by thee.

* indicates to stand if able

Call to Confession: *John 3:5-8*

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

Prayer of Confession

Profession of Faith:

from Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 47, 49,51,53

**In his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit,
Christ is not absent from us for a moment.**

By the Spirit's power

**we make the goal of our lives not earthly things
but the things above where Christ is,
sitting at God's right hand.**

**Through the Holy Spirit
Christ pours out his gifts from heaven
upon us his members.**

**The Spirit, as well as the Father and the Son,
is eternal God.**

**The Spirit has been given to us personally
so that by true faith
the Spirit makes us share in Christ and all his blessings,
comforts us, and remains with us forever.**

Spirit of the Living God #424:1,2 (PH)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

(Children 3 years old – 2nd grade are invited to
Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

Offertory Prayer

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Morning Prayer

* **Breathe on Me, Breath of God** #420:1,2 (PH)

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love the way you love,
And do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

* **Scripture:** *Romans 2:4 (ESV)* pg. 1178

⁴Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

Ephesians 4:30-32 (ESV) pg. 1227

³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Colossians 3:12-13 (ESV) pg. 1235

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Unusual Kindness*

* **Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love** #601:1,4 (PH)

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve
The neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
Silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

Loving puts us on our knees,
Serving as though we are slaves:
This is the way we should live with you. *Refrain*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

He Leadeth Me

#452:1,3,4 (PH)

(A love offering for Youth Dynamics will be received during this song.)

He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
By his own hand he leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be,
For by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me. *Refrain*

And when my task on earth is done,
When, by thy grace, the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me. *Refrain*

*** God's Blessing**

*** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** #637 (PH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement for anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.

Pastor: Robert Woodyard Prayer: Rob

Music: Lee, Nancy

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance is used to help cover the cost of tuition for First Church families who send their children to a Christian school.

Love Offering: Tim is ministering to unchurched youth in the Everson/Sumas area, working through Youth Dynamics, a Burlington based faith ministry that works with kids throughout the Northwest. For more information, visit www.yd.org or talk to the Mission in Action Ministry Team.

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Romans 2:4; Ephesians 4:30-32; Colossians 3:12-13

Character of Kindness

Obstacles to Kindness

Cultivating Kindness



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