

* **Call to Worship:** based on Psalm 27; John 4:23
Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.
The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.
We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.
**We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.**
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.**

* **Opening Prayer**

* **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing** #349:1,2,4 (HFG)
O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free:
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.

* **The Solid Rock** #92:1,4 (HFG)
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

* indicates to stand if able

* **My Jesus, I Love Thee** #456:1,2 (HFG)
My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 85

How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened
by Christian discipline?

**According to the command of Christ:
Those who, though called Christians,
profess unchristian teachings or live unchristian lives,
and after repeated and loving counsel
refuse to abandon their errors and wickedness,
and after being reported to the church,
that is, to its officers,
fail to respond also to their admonition—
such persons the officers
exclude from the Christian fellowship
by withholding the sacraments from them,
and God himself
excludes them from the kingdom of Christ.
Such persons,
when promising and demonstrating genuine reform,
are received again
as members of Christ and of his church.**

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Evening 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:** *Ephesians 5:15-20 (NIV)* pg. 1227
¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise
but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity,
because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish,
but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get
drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be
filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with
psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and
make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always
giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Message: *How to Be Filled with the Spirit*

Prayer

* **Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit** #427:1,2 (PH)
Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit!
How I need your help divine!
In the way of life eternal,
Keep, O keep this heart of mine.

Refrain: Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit,
Gracious Teacher, Friend divine!
For the kingdom work that calls me,
O prepare this heart mine.

Grant to me Your sacred presence;
Then my faith will ne'er decline.
Comfort me and help me onward;
Fill with love this heart of mine. *Refrain*

* **God's Blessing**

* **Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise** #519:2 (HFG)
Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our joy in sorrow, and our strength in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

How to Be Filled with the Spirit

Ephesians 5:18

“After a person has become a Christian the greatest goal of life is...”

To be “filled with the Spirit” means...

1. The Wrong Way to Be “Filled”

The wrong way to be filled is to be “under the influence” of a destructive force.

There are *many* wrong ways to be filled.

Scripture sternly *warns us* against any influence that counters the influence of the Spirit.

2. The Right Way to Be Filled

The right way to be filled is with *the Spirit of God*.

The Holy Spirit “influences” believers *in many different ways*.

The Spirit is the *absolute expert* on spiritual life.

The Spirit is both *with us* and *in us* (John 14:17).

The Spirit’s filling is key to spiritual *vitality* and effective *ministry*.

It is the privilege of every believer to be *filled* with the Spirit.

3. We Have to Choose to Be Filled

God’s Word commands us to be *filled* with the Spirit. If we choose not to be filled with the Spirit we are choosing to live life independent of God.

Practical steps to being *filled* with the Holy Spirit.

- *Ask* the Father for the Spirit (Luke 11:13).
- *Obey* the Spirit (Acts 5:32).
- *Keep in step* with the Spirit (Gal. 5:25).

Make “being completely filled by the Spirit” the greatest goal of your life!

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