

***Affirmation of Faith** (responsive) from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free
to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us
together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men
to all ministries of the Church.

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples
to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries
in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

***Hymn 15 (verses 1, 4 and 6)** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

***The Charge** John 15:26-27

Jesus said, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father,

he will testify on my behalf.

You also are to testify,

because you have been with me from the beginning.”

***Sung Benediction 286 (verse 1)** “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

**Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

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**MONTREAT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 20, 2018, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Meditation

Richard Rohr

*“The Holy Spirit is God’s very own life shared with us and residing within us.
When we pray, we are steadfastly refusing to abandon this Presence, this True Self,
this place that already knows we are beloved and one with God.”*

Chimes of the Trinity

Choral Introit

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

Siena/R.V. Williams

Vocal Ensemble

Ritual of Fellowship and Minutes for Mission

SVCM
Children & Friends

Hymn 288

“Spirit of the Living God”

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.

Processional Taizé Hymn 281

“Holy Spirit, Come to Us”

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*As the line is repeated, congregants may sing the melody or harmony parts.
The baptismal pitcher, communion plate and chalice, and Bible are brought forward.
The acolyte lights the candles on the communion table.*

***Call to Worship**

from John 16:13-14

The Spirit of truth will come and guide us into all the truth;
**for the Spirit will speak as the Spirit has heard,
and will declare to us the things that are to come.**

The Spirit will glorify the Son of God
**by taking what is his and declaring it to us.
Let us worship God, Christ and Holy Spirit!**

***Hymn 1**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and Merciful God, we know too well our failures
to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word.
Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way,
keep us in your care, and lead us into faith. We trust your word
that the Spirit of truth will show us all things
and grant us courage and peace. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie Eleison 551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon and Response 587

“Alleluia”

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-18

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Voluntary

“Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove” KOMM GOTT SCHOPFER
Margaret Neale, pianist Callahan

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Vocal Anthem

“As the Wind Song” Lim/Murray
Gayle Sawyer, soprano

The Sermon

“Prophesy, Mortal, Prophesy to the Breath” Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

Anthem

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”
Vocal Ensemble

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

“Come, Thou Holy Spirit Bright” VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS
Callahan

***Doxology 607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore! Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**