

First United Methodist Church of Saginaw

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

June 4, 2025 7:00 p.m.

-----The beginning of the service will be denoted by the ringing of a bell-----

Song: "HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US"

w/m Jacques Berthier, c1998 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community, France

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us, Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

Scripture: John 14:16-17

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and is in you.

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ALL ARE WELCOME at worship on Sundays at 10am!
ALL ARE WELCOME at our FREE MEAL – Tues. June 10, 5:30-6:30pm
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Reading: *Prayer to God, the Spirit* – William Loader

O God,
You are Spirit;
You are wind;
You are breath.

You meet us
in the wonders of creation,
in the awe of wonderful things,
in the terror of fearful things.
You blow among the fallen leaves,
the broken branches,
the whining pain,
and the whirlwinds of delight.

Your wind gently touches our brow
with comfort and caress;

your forgiveness raises us to life;
your challenge disturbs our tidy piles
and spreads opportunities before our eyes.

Gentle Spirit, breathe on us your life.
Strong Spirit,
open our closed doors to your compassion;
Universal Spirit,
inspire us to sing and sigh for justice;
Spirit of Jesus, teach us to walk,
to work, to pray, to live, to love your way.

Awaken our dreams,
expand our visions,
heal us for hope,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence (2 minutes)

Song: "I'M GOIN' A SING WHEN THE SPIRIT SAYS SING"

African American Spiritual, c1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

1) sing... 2) pray... 3) moan... 4) shout... 5) sing

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are as follows:

1. I'm goin' - a sing* when the Spir - it says sing, I'm goin' - a
sing when the Spir - it says sing, I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says
sing, and o - bey the Spir - it of the Lord.

The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, as well as dynamic markings like 'f' (forte) and 'p' (piano). The piece concludes with a final cadence in the bass part.

Scripture: John 3:8

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

Reading: *Wind* – Steven Garnaas-Holmes, www.unfoldinglight.net

Wind of God, blow me where you will.
Fill my sails. Be my course.

Raise my anchor, holding so fast.
Cut the lines that tie me to the dock.

Your deep breathing and laboring love
birth me through this canal of life into life.

Lead me to a place I can't name,
can't control, can't choose first.

Even if the strange place is within,
the foreign land my neighbor.

Spirit, my wind on the baptismal water,
give me courage to be blown off course,

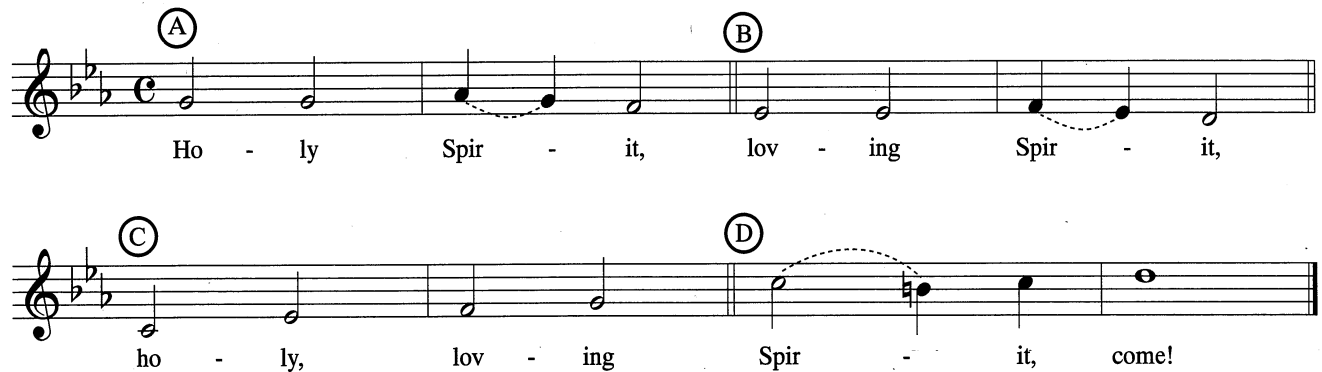
with love, abandon my ego's maps.
Breathe me into the New World,

you, my ship, my captain, my natal sea,
my breath, the only place I hope to go.

Song: "HOLY SPIRIT, LOVING SPIRIT"

w/m by Jacques Berthier, c 1991 Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé Community

may be sung as a round



Prayer – Pastor Amy Terhune

Silence (10 minutes) with wind chimes

Song: "THE SPIRIT IS MOVING IN MY HEART"

w/m Kathy Galloway, c 2003 Wild Goose Publications, the Iona Community

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "The Spir - it is mov - ing in my heart; (my heart) The Spir - it is mov - ing in my heart; It's mov - ing me to love and share, to work for free - dom ev - ery - where; the Spir - it is mov - ing in my heart."

Benediction — Joanna Harader, www.spaciousfaith.com

As you go forth from this place,
may the wind of the Spirit startle your senses
and blow through your life;
may the fire of the Spirit scorch your complacency
and light your way.
And may the blessing of the Holy One —
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer —
rest with you now and forever more. Amen.

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