

Order for the Worship of God
May 17, 2020
6th Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: God is love.

People: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Leader: God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

People: And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

Leader: Let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Jan Bender
(1909-1994)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #2

(*stanzas 1,2,3*)

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

ITALIAN HYMN

**Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.**

**Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

Almighty God, you have shown us such love, and stretched out your arms to draw us into your embrace. Yet we so often fail to show that love within our lives. Forgive our short-sightedness and misplaced loyalties when we honor you with our lips but our hearts are far from you. Be merciful, dear Lord, when we have little regard and little love for our neighbors. By your grace, quicken our hearts with your love and give us eyes to see and hands to reach out to those you bring into our lives. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who knows us the best and loves us the most. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GRADUATES VIDEO

Rosalie Bradford

YOUTH ANTHEM

"Who Will Be a Witness?"
(*recorded at the 11:00 service, February 23, 2020*)
Westminster Youth Choir

Donald Moore

*Who will be a witness, O my Lord? Who will be a witness O my Lord?
Who'll be there beside me? Who'll be there to guide me? Who'll be a witness, O my Lord?*

*I'm going to heaven, want to do it right. I'm going to heaven, I'll be dressed in white.
Who'll be there to meet me? Who'll be there to greet me? Who will be a witness, O my Lord?*

*Don't want to stumble, don't want to fall. I'm going to heaven when the roll is called.
Heaven bells are ringin'. Saints are all a singin'. Who will be a witness, O my Lord?*

*Who'll be there beside me? Who'll be there to guide me?
Who'll be there to meet me? Who'll be there to greet me?
Who will be a witness? Who will be a witness? Who will be a witness, O my Lord?*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #407 "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers" NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET HER'
(stanzas 1,3,4)

**Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house your home.
Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!**

**Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame.
Let our whole soul an offering be to our redeemer's name.**

**Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of peaceful love.
And let the church on earth become blest as the church above.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-21 (NRSV)

SERMON

"Life and the Love We Live By"
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #450
(stanzas 1,2,4)

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.**

High King of heaven, my victory won,

**May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Lebantanz: MIT FREUDEN ZART”
(Praise Dance on “I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath”)

Franklin D. Ashdown

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

2 Come, Thou Almighty King

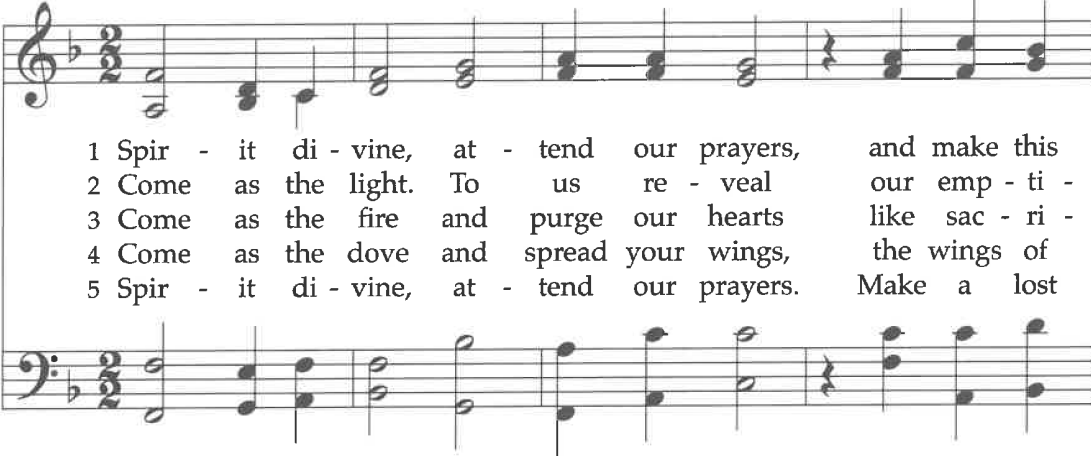
1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

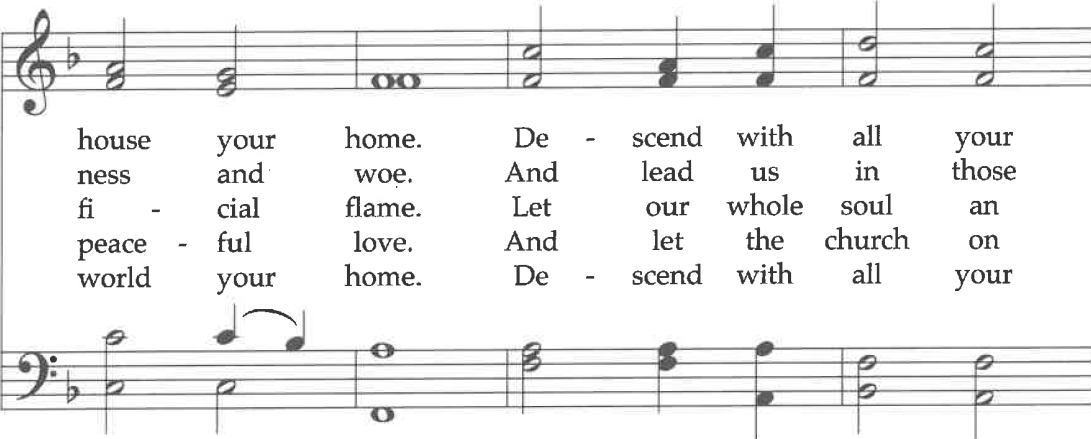
Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

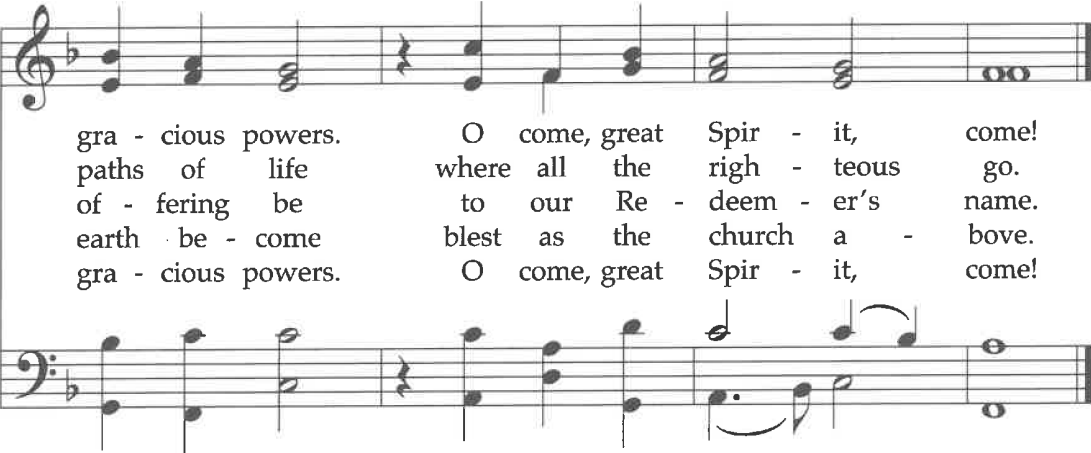
Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers 407



1 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers, and make this
 2 Come as the light. To us re - veal our emp - ti -
 3 Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sac - ri -
 4 Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of
 5 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers. Make a lost



house your home. De - scend with all your
 ness and woe. And lead us in those
 fi - cial flame. Let our whole soul an
 peace - ful love. And let the church on
 world your home. De - scend with all your



gra - cious powers. O come, great Spir - it, come!
 paths of life where all the righ - teous go.
 of - fering be to our Re - deem - er's name.
 earth be - come blest as the church a - bove.
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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) $Gm7$ (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.