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Pentecost Sunday

Strengthen the Church

May 28, 2023

"My house is a house of prayer for all people." (Isaiah 56:7)
Plymouth is A Just Peace Church and An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Our Approach to God

Music calls us to worship so we may listen for God speaking to us. When the service begins with the lighting of the candles, please silence your voices and devices.
**All are invited to rise in body or spirit*

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Preparation Music Nicole DiPaolo, piano

Welcome

***Call to Worship** Kenyon Mau

ONE: The Day of Pentecost has come, and we are together.
Let us face bravely into the winds of God.
ALL: Surely God is in this place. The Spirit of God surround us … Listen! Look!
ONE: The Spirit of God fills us with amazement.
God sets us afire with wonder and awe.
ALL: We will sing to God as long as we live;
We will celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

***Hymn** (Black) 286 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness……*Spirit*
(Stanzas 1 and 2)

Confession Rev. Joanna Sowards

ALL: God of fire and wind, we confess we have ignored the movement of your Spirit in our lives and in the world. We admit our preference for the predictable. We acknowledge our misuse of your gifts to us. We prefer our divisions to your unity. Forgive us, gracious God. Transform our hearts through the power of your Holy Spirit and give us strength to walk in your way of justice, reconciliation, and peace. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

***Hymn of Praise** (Black) 272.....*Munich*
O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us hearts to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

***Passing of the Peace**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you!
ALL: And also with you!

Children in pre-school through 5th grade are invited to depart for Sunday School.

The Proclamation of God's Word

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21

Sermon Is This the Party? Pastor Dillon Shipman

***Hymn** (Black) 270 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song…….*Bridegroom*
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)
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.

Congregational Response (Black) 283……..*Iverson*
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.

Living Out the Word of God

Announcements of Church Life

A Moment for Mission Anti-Racism for Equity (A.R.E.)

Call to Offering

Offertory Every Time I Feel the Spirit ..... Negro Spiritual/arr. Harry Burleigh
John Mills, soloist
Every time I feel the Spirit mov-in' in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke. Jordon River chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul. All around me look so fine, ask my Lord if all was mine. Ain't but one train runs the track, it runs to heaven and runs right back.

***Doxology**……*Old 100th*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

ALL: God of Pentecost, take our hearts and set them ablaze. Take our lives and transform them. Take our church and guide us in the way of your life-giving Spirit. Take our gifts and use them for the fulfillment of your vision of justice, peace, and unity. Amen.

***Hymn** (Black) 286 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness .....*Spirit*
(Stanzas 3 and 4)

***Commission and Benediction**

***Congregational Response.....** *Spirit*
Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

Voluntary Nicole DiPaolo, piano

Many in the congregation wish to remain seated for the Voluntary.
If you choose to leave, please be aware of those still participating in this part of the service. The Voluntary is music for worship, and we ask that all be respectful of one another's worship practices, including those participating via livestream.
Following the Voluntary, you may greet the ministers.

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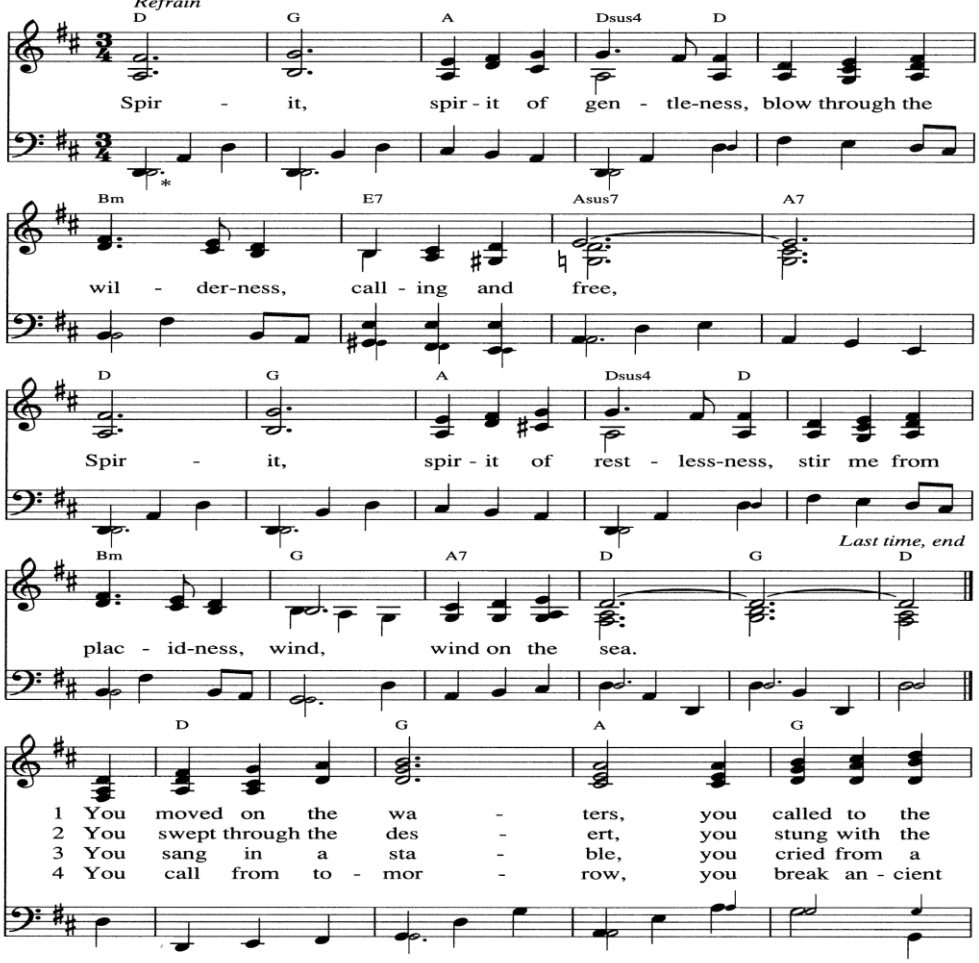
286 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

Unison, brightly
Refrain



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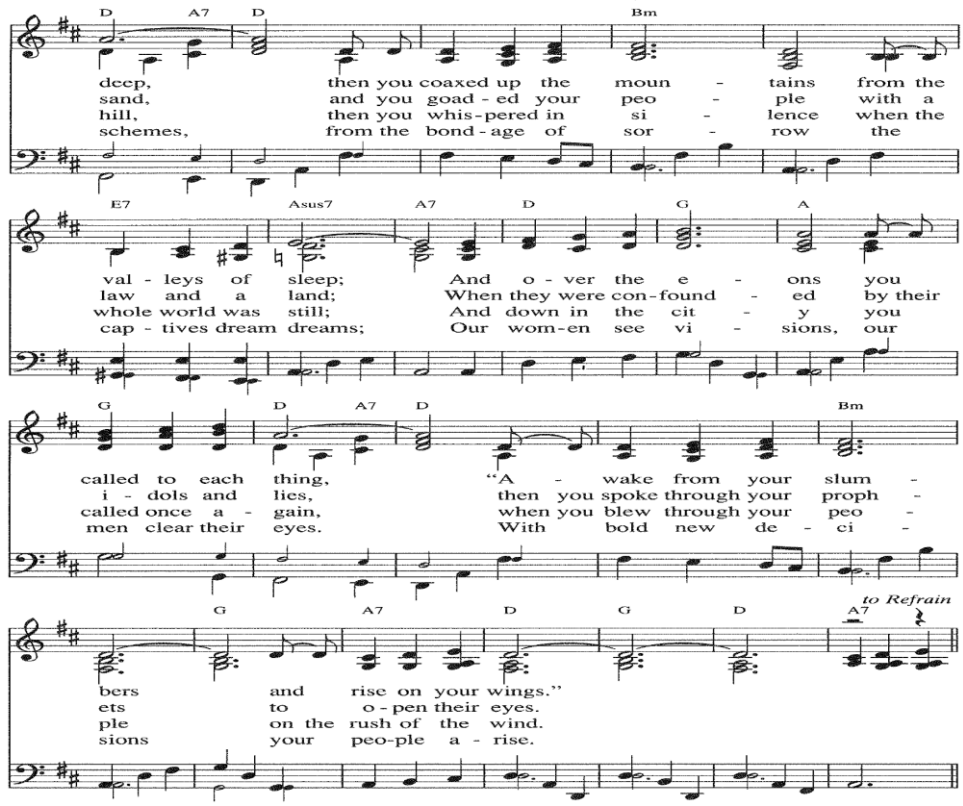
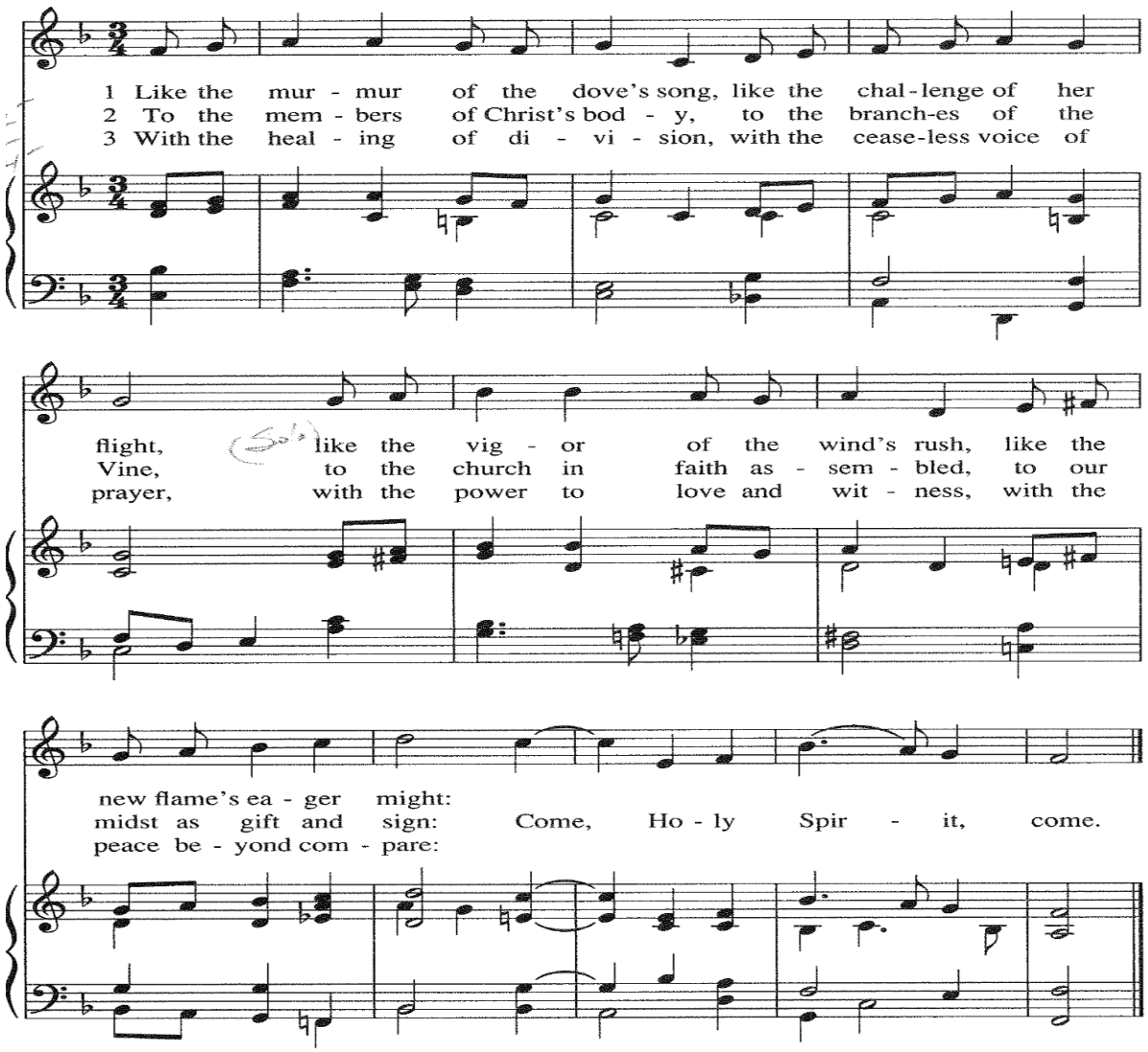


This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waiokeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth stanza at the suggestion of a church member.

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.
James K. Manley, 1978
Arr. The New Century Hymnal, *1993*

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song 270

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982 *Isa. 38:14; Rom. 8:26; 12:4–5; John 15:1–5*



Carl P. Daw, Jr., wrote this text for The Hymnal 1982 *(Episcopal), and expressly for the tune* Bridegroom. *Born and educated in England, composer Peter Cutts has served as music director for churches in Massachusetts and on the faculty of Andover Newton Theological School.*

Tune: BRIDEGROOM 8.7.8.7.6.
Peter Cutts, 1969

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