May 28, 2023 ~ Day of Pentecost

Gathering Music ~ "America, the Beautiful" (arr. Raney) ~ Leigh Emmett

Welcome and Announcements ~ Judy McGregor, liturgist

Prelude ~ "Come Sing Unto the Lord" (J. Martin) ~ Celebration Choir

Call to Worship ~ responsive

Leader: As we come together, the Holy Spirit is here among us,

People: breathing new life and encouragement into the community of faith.

Leader: God gives gifts to all his children, young and old.

People: Holy Spirit, light the way for us this day and guide us to share our gifts in the world. Amen.

*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit

*Hymn #286 ~ "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ in unison

Spirit of God, you have blessed us with forgiveness and our spiritual gifts. Yet there are times when we have been trapped in inaction and failed to share our gifts with you and the world. Forgive us, Lord. In your mercy, heal us. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #408 ~ "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (refrain)
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #399 ~ "God Welcomes All"
God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.

Offering Prayer

*Doxology#606 ~ "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Avery & Marsh)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Psalm 104: 24-35

Special Music ~ "In Christ Alone" (M. Hayes) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Acts 2:1-21

Message ~ "Filled with Spirit"

*Hymn #288 ~ "Spirit of the Living God" (x2)

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Prayer Preparation ~ "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord; Incline thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.

The Lord's Prayer ~ in unison

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.

*Hymn #452 ~ "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

*Choral Response #542 ~ "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" (verse 1) God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude ~ "How Great Thou Art" (arr. Hayes)

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St. Paul's will be closed Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

To Everyone at St. Paul's!..."Thank you so much for letting me spend time with you over the past 4 years. What started as an offer to play for a service or two in the summer in 2019, quickly turned into a 4 year blessing! When I would tell friends about the people at St. Paul's I would say, 'It's a small group of very committed, kind, and gracious people.' Thank you for all of your kind words after each service. Your appreciation did not go unnoticed! You are all a blessing to many and I'm thankful for the time that I was able to spend with you." Blessings always, Leigh

^{*}Benediction

Today is the Day of Pentecost, celebrating the arrival of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life.

The Pentecost Special Offering is about guiding the Christian formation of our young people-building a life of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

An envelope was provided in your May packet.

The Mission Team is planning a ½ day volunteer opportunity at the Forgotten Harvest Warehouse. This event will take place on Wed. June 21, 2023(please note date change) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00.

We will be packing food supplies and performing various other tasks. Must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. We would love to have you volunteer for this event. We will meet at St. Paul's at 8:00am and carpool. The warehouse is located at 15000 Eight Mile, Oak Park. Please sign up in the Lobby.

Final Life Together Book Study Potluck with Pastor Nate - Wednesday, May 31 @ 6:30PM - Room 11. Please sign up in the lobby.

Vacation Bible School ~ June 26-29 ~ ages 3 years through 5th grade. An information sheet is in the lobby ~ please share with family and friends!

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin, August and Faith Kornowicz Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim and Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell

> Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson Nate Statly ~ friend of Joey Nicholas

Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips; sister-in law and nephew of Pat Garvey

Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff

Joan Velis and family; Westin ~ infant grandson of Jeanne Sinclair

John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski

Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham

Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend of Terry Earnley

Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz

Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley

Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor

Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor

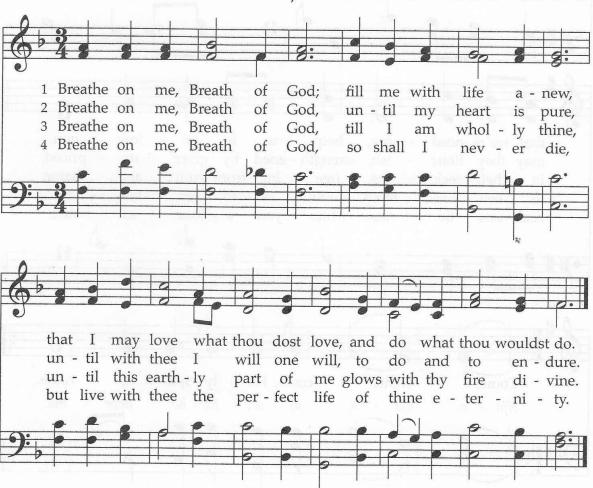
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz

Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock

Rosemary Iaquinta ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck

Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286





Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1–6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

452 Open the Eyes of My Heart



The initial petition of this song is based on the language of Ephesians 1:18, while the second part draws on the account of Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6:1-5. That event, in turn, is the basis of the threefold Sanctus that has become a traditional element in Christian worship.