

# WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday April 15, 2018 9:30am  
MORNING WORSHIP

**PREPARATION MUSIC**— The Men's Ensemble begins our worship reminding us of the story of Joshua at the battle of Jericho. The knowledge of the Scriptures affects our attitude toward the present and the future. The more we know about what God has done in years past, the greater the confidence we have about what God will do in the days ahead and the more knowledge we have for the Holy Spirit to empower God's word to our life. We must do whatever it takes to read more of God's word and increase our trust that God's will is the best choice for us. Romans 15:4 says: *For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

*(from Joshua 6: You may talk about your kings of Gideon, you may talk about you man of Saul, but there's none like good old Joshua at the battle of Jericho! Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho, Joshua fit the battle of Jericho and the walls came tumblin' down. UP to the walls of Jericho he marched with spear in hand; "Go blow them ram horns," Joshua cried, "Cause the battle is in my hand!" Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho, Joshua fit the battle of Jericho and the walls came tumblin' down. Then the lamb ram sheephorns begin to blow, and the trumpets begin to sound!" Then Joshua commanded the children to shout...and the walls came tumblin' down! Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho, Joshua fit the battle of Jericho and the walls came tumblin' down...*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** As we begin our series on the Holy Spirit, we know from 1 Corinthians 2 that God's WISDOM is revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. Here's a prayer before today's call to worship: O magnificent Holy Spirit, God's heart in flight, you are grace and truth racing through a soul's dark, house plugging in lights, turning on heart, opening doors long locked. And, when those doors are thrown open the stale, unlit spaces freshly fill with your sweet breath and radiant light. Only you can answer faith's faintest whisper with such swift understanding! You alone bring wisdom . the Spirit's housewarming gift!

Leader: Holy Spirit, you are worthy to be worshiped along with the Father and the Son.

**People: Spirit of truth, you speak throughout the Scripture and help us to grasp its truth.**

Leader: You teach us everything we need to know. You bear witness to the Son, glorify in all your works. You are the Counselor

whom the Father has sent in the name of Jesus to dwell in us. You breathe upon us the very life of God.

**People: Spirit of truth, teach us! Help us to know and to glorify the Son! Breathe on us, breath of God!**

**HYMN** Read Psalm 29. In this Psalm God reveals his great power in nature. We can trust God to give us both the peace and the strength to weather the storms of life. God has revealed his power through mighty miracles over nature, such as the great flood. He promises to continue to reveal his power. Paul urges us to understand how great God's power is. The same power that raised Christ from the dead is available to all who believe. It is available to us through The Holy Spirit.

**1**

**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.**

**2**

**Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword, our pray'r attend;**

**Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success:  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.**

**3**

**Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour:  
Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart,  
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.**

**4**

**To thee great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore.  
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore.**

**CONFESSION:** Read Acts 2: 17-21. The resurrected Christ reconciled us to God, and through Jesus God continues to pour out his Holy Spirit on all who believe. (prayer) *Lord, as the Spirit prompts our confessions, continue to fill us afresh until we overflow with the power of your Spirit.*

Leader: Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears and a new community of faith.

**People: We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.**

Leader: We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.

**People: Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Read 2 Corinthians 1:20-22. (a prayer) *Holy Spirit, God's Essence, you animate our faith, communicate beyond words and reveal the mysteries of God to us. You are the indwelling presence of God in our lives. And, if your presence is merely the deposit of things to come, what vast, astounding realities must God be preparing for us? If this is just the preview, what unfathomable glories await us when we arrive at our Lord's feet to claim our prize?*

Leader: All the promises of God find their "Yes" in Christ Jesus. It is God who has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

**People: In Jesus Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are redeemed. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!**

**SCRIPTURE/SERMON** Read John 14:16-26. The Holy Spirit will never leave us (14:16); he leads us into all truth (14:17); the world at large cannot recognize him (14:17); he lives with us and in us (14:17); he teaches us (14:26); he reminds us of Jesus words (14:26, 15:26); he is the source of all truth (15:26); he convinces us of sin, the availability of God's goodness, and the certainty of God's judgment (16:8); he gives insight into future events (16:13); he shows Christ's glory (16:14). The Holy Spirit has been active among people from the beginning of time, but after Pentecost (Acts 2) he came to live in all believers.

**OFFERING MUSIC** Read Romans 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (prayer) *Fill our hearts with joy and thanksgiving as we share your life and love with one another. By the power of your Holy Spirit help us to protect and build up those who are weak. Bring all your people together in unity, Lord---weak and strong, rich and poor, young and old---so that with one heart and one mind we might glorify our Father in heaven and bring praise to your wonderful name.*

*Text: Fill-a-me-up, come a Holy Spirit. Fill-a-me up to the top-a my soul. Fill-a-me-up, come a Holy Spirit. Fill-a-me up now and take control. So many things try to fill me up. So many things try to weigh me down. Fill-a my heart now until you stay and chase the other things away. Now my heart is an open door. Here your Spirit is welcome Lord. Fill-a my heart now and let it grow and change my life so all will know.*

**CLOSING HYMN** Read Genesis 2:7---The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. (a prayer) *When you formed man in your image out of the dust, you were building a temple. And as a creature of dust, I too am a temple. You have placed my name above the door and now you stand at the door and knock, waiting for me to invite you in. Lord of heaven, come and be Lord of this piece of earth. Come and fill this temple with the living breath of your Holy Spirit. Make it a place of worship. Find your rest within its walls. Be enthroned on my praises.*

**1**

**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.**

**2**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.**

**3**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**

**4**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.**

***SEE YOU SUNDAY IN WORSHIP***