



Come,

HOLY SPIRIT

June 9, 2019

Order of Worship

Please silence your cell phone.

THE GATHERING AND QUIET PREPARATION

“Moment by Moment/The Swan”

Shanda Lowery-Sachs, viola; Priscilla Hawkins, cello

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 539** “O Spirit of the Living God”

THE CALL TO WORSHIP IN DANCE

See insert for descriptions.

Dancers: Stormy Milk, Bella Milk, Rosalie Milk, Dyani Dougherty, Dahvier Escanuela

Drummers: Spirit Journey Youth

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THE TIME OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

The Ritual of Friendship folder is located at the center aisle; please sign and pass.

THE MISSION MOMENT: Spirit Journey

Brandon Ahmicasube Smith

THE ANTHEM

“Amazing Grace/Ashokan Farewell”

Shanda Lowery-Sachs, viola; Priscilla Hawkins, cello

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THE CALL TO PRAYER (Leader)

THE UNISON PRAYER

Traditional Native American Prayer

O Great Spirit, whose voice we hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear us. We come before you as your children. We are small and weak; we need your strength and wisdom.

Let us walk in beauty and make our eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. May our hands respect the things you have made, our ears be sharp to hear your voice.

Make us wise, so that we may know the things you have taught your people, the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

We seek strength not to be superior to our brothers and sisters, but to live in harmony with ourselves and all of your creation. Help us to be ever ready to come to you, so when life fades as a fading sunset, our spirit may come to you without shame. Amen.

THE PRAYER IN SONG

See insert for translation.

Kemo Ahmicasube Smith

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“Northern Lights”

arr. Margaret Tucker

Celebration Ringers, Chancel Choir, Shanda Lower-Sachs

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THE SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

(Pew Bible pg. 994)

This is God's living Word for God's living people. ~ **“Thanks be to God!”**

THE SERMON

“When the Wind Blows”

Ray Buckley

***THE HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 336** “Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me”

***THE BENEDICTION AND PERIOD OF SILENCE**

Please remain quietly in your pew during the recession of the clergy.

***THE POSTLUDE**

“Postludium in A”

Gordon Young

**Congregation Standing*

****Seating of Worshipers*

Following worship, you are invited to share your joys and concerns privately with one of our pastors, and then share time in prayer together.

Prayers will take place in the east transept for 15 minutes after the postlude.

We Welcome All Visitors and are glad you have chosen to worship with us. A special gift is available at the Welcome Center for those visiting with us for the first time. We invite you to participate in the life and ministries of this church. Please come again!

If you have difficulty seeing the worship bulletin or hymns, large-print orders of worship and hymnals are available. **Our Sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil hearing system.** Hearing assistance devices are also available for use during worship. **Shawls** are available for worshipers who are chilly in the Sanctuary. **Quiet Time Activities** are available for children who worship with their parents. Please ask an usher for assistance.

The Liturgist is Rev. Elbert Dulworth.

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and placed by Joan Balogh in loving memory of her husband, Charles.

The Rosebud on the altar announces the birth of Oliver Douglas Joseph Tolkacz, born May 25 to Matthew and Allison Tolkacz.

The Missions Candle is lit by the Tuesday Morning Women's Study Group in gratitude to Pastor Elbert.



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Our Purpose:

To gather, nurture and equip disciples of Jesus Christ for ministry and mission in the world.

Our Core Values:

Welcome All	Put Love Into Action
Honor God Through Excellence	Embrace Bold Vision
Encourage Lifelong Spiritual Growth	Support One Another

Our Welcoming Statement:

Embracing the example of Jesus, we welcome you here with hearts that know no boundaries of age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, ability, or economic circumstance.