

**Jay Gould Memorial Reformed Church**

**Order of Worship**

10:00 A.M.

May 23, 2021

*Welcome to worship on this Pentecost Sunday! May our time in worship inspire you and provide a blessing to you! If you are a visitor, we hope you feel welcome and worship with us again! Please sign the guest book in the entry of the church.*

Prayer

**THE APPROACH TO GOD**

Prelude: "All Creatures of Our God and King" . . . . . arr. Lloyd Larson

..... Dan Chien, Organist

Introit: "Come, Holy Spirit" . . . . . Ellen Purchase

Call to Worship (*responsively*) . . . . . Rev. Richard Dykstra

L: God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh,

**P: and our daughters and sons shall prophecy.**

L: Our old ones shall dream dreams,

**P: and our young ones shall see visions;**

L: And all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered.

**P: Come, let us call upon the name of the Lord.**

Hymn: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Our Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

**Spirit of God, you are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams and new hopes, new life in Jesus Christ.**

**Forgive us our closed minds, which barricade themselves against new ideas, preferring the past to what you might do through us tomorrow.**

**Forgive our closed eyes, which fail to see the needs of your world, blind to opportunities for service and love.**

**Forgive our closed hands, which clutch our gifts and wealth for our own use alone.**

**Forgive us our closed hearts, which limit our affections to ourselves and to our own.**

**Spirit of new life, forgive us and break down the prison walls of our selfishness, that we might be open to your love and open for service in your world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord...(silent prayer)...Amen.**

Response: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Words of Assurance

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scriptures: John 15:26, 27, 16:4b-15 and Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: "How Can I Know the Truth?"

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

The Affirmation (*Unison*) —from *Our Song of Hope*, st. 17

**The Holy Spirit builds one church,  
united in one Lord and one hope,  
with one ministry around one table.**

**The Spirit calls all believers in Jesus  
to respond in worship together,  
to accept all the gifts from the Spirit,  
to learn from each other's traditions,  
to make unity visible on earth.**

Offertory: "A Mighty Wind Blows Over the Land" . . . . . Beall/Carter

Prayer of Dedication & Doxology

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Benediction

Choral Response: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Postlude: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

..... arr. Lloyd Larson