



Faith United
Presbyterian
Church
in Farmers Branch

*Glorify God, grow disciples, and
meet the needs of our neighbors.*



*6th Sunday
after Pentecost
July 12, 2020*

*But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the
Spirit is life because of righteousness. Romans 8:10*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 65)

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, and to you shall vows be performed.

People: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation.

Leader: O God, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth.

People: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs.

OPENING HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God (verses 1,2)

GTG 32
ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Scripture is full of stories of people just like us: men who grieved, women who questioned, siblings who did not get along, parents who chose favorites. God's grace is meant for people just like us. There is no need for pretense in this place. Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God who gives life, save us from hardness of heart, where your word cannot take root. Save us from shallowness of mind, where your word withers away. Save us from the deceitfulness of riches, where your word is choked by everyday cares. O God of steadfast love who redeems life, dig out our deeply rooted sin. Grant that our souls may be fertile soil, where your word flourishes and yields a harvest of peace and justice, compassion and welcome, bringing salvation to ourselves and to all humanity, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

You are invited to take a moment for silent confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The waters of your baptism testify that you are in Christ Jesus. You have been set free from sin and death.

The Spirit renews our hearts, moves us to faith, leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

Glory To God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GTG 582
GLORY TO GOD

HEARING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

ANTHEM

Prayer of Being

Mark Hayes

Sydney Barber, accompanist

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:1-11

SERMON

"Life in the Spirit"

Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

RESPONDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.4

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

HYMN OF MEDITATION

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (verses 1,2,4)

GTG 286

TRENTHAM

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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 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.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you

OFFERING

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest, and we bless each other, that the beauty of this world and the love that created it and redeems it might be expressed through our lives, and be a blessing to others, now and always, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN OF DEDICATION

God of the Fertile Fields (verses 1,2,4)

GTG 714

ITALIAN HYMN

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

Choral Amen



Camp-In-A-Box VBS 2020 is coming in July! FUPC & Iglesia Emmanuel joint **Camp-in-a-Box** brings the fun of a camp or VBS program to your doorstep! The box is designed with the elementary camper in mind, grades K-6th. Each box provides 5 days' worth of activities that are screen-free, encourage outdoor activity, and minimize demands on parents or grandparents.

How Do I get a box? Please visit the 2020 VBS website at <https://www.myvbs.org/CampBox2020/> to register a child or family for a Camp-In-A-Box. Boxes will be available in **English, Spanish or both languages**. Boxes available for curbside pick-up on **July 18th**!

COVID-19 Update! As we settle into summer, we continue to worship online. COVID-19 may change how we worship. BUT, it does not stop worship! We will keep you informed as best we can as we continue this journey. Remember, keep connected to each other through phone calls, emails, and texts! If you are aware of anyone who needs something, please let Pastor Ken know.

Our thanks to musicians in worship!

Caroline Busselberg, vocals

Natasha Wroblewski, vocals

Mary Marxer, vocals

Jessica Stottlemeyer, vocals

Patti Sloey, vocals

Shanae Kemp, vocals

Kyle Feather, vocals

Dillon Hanson, vocals

Malcolm Payne, vocals

Jeremy Rohwer, vocals

Rich Lewis, vocals

Brian Hotchkiss, vocals

David Pierce, Director of Music

Sydney Barber, accompanist

PRAYER LIST

Dale Durcholz

Barbara Stein

Roger Jones

Dennis Van Deventer

Sugie Maxfield

Kathie Heffler

Rev. Sungho Daniel Son

Grethel Creech

Betty Runkel

Mary Marxer

Homebound/Rehab: Margaret Jones, Wanda Mosher, Marilyn Rose, Jeanne Sawyer, Freddie Simmons

The FUPC Staff is here for you!

Pastor Ken, Brenda Swindle, and David Pierce are in their "Work from Home" offices and ready to assist. Ken and Brenda are checking the mail box daily to receive your notes or checks. They are also receiving your emails and calls with any questions or concerns.

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1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem - pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.