

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD IN SONG "*Spirit*" #319

Refrain:

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." (Refrain)**

**You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confounded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. (Refrain)**

**You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. (Refrain)**

**You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. (Refrain)**

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COMMISSION AND BLESSING

SUNG RESPONSE

"Come, Great God of All the Ages" #132 vs. 1

**Come, great God of all the ages, Make Your earthly mission known;
Speak through every deed and person, Let Your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment, Give direction now, we ask;
Fit us for the work of building, Dedicate us to the task.**

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POSTLUDE "*Festal Toccata*" - Arthur Baynon

JANUARY 12TH 2025 –10:15AM WORSHIP

PRELUDE "*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place*" - arr. Mark Hayes

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPENING PRAYER

FIRST THOUGHTS Luke 3:21-23 p. 1,594
"It All Begins with the Spirit"

PRAISING OUR GOD IN SONG
"Baptized in Water" #492

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, Trusting the promise,
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
One with his rising, Freed and forgiven
Thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, We are God's children,
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

(L) The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
(R) And also with you.

PROFESSING OUR FAITH
(Remembering Our Baptism)

(L) The Father says, "You are my child, whom I love; with...am well pleased."

(R) How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God, for that is what we are.

(L) The Son says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega...of the water of life."

(R) Everyone who drinks the water you give Lord Jesus will never thirst. Indeed, the water you give becomes in us a spring welling up to eternal life.

(L) As the Spirit hovered over the waters at the...Spirit of God is with us still.

(R) We have not been left as orphans, for the Spirit of Truth lives in us that we may live a life worthy of the Lord; bearing fruit in every good work, as we live in gratitude for the grace of God bestowed upon us.

(L) Be completely humble and gentle...the Spirit through the bond of peace.

(R) There is one body and one Spirit; just as we were called to one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Amen.

FURTHER THOUGHTS Acts 6:1-6 p. 1,700, 1 Corinthians 12:1-8 p. 1,785

(L) The word of the Lord. **(R) Thanks be to God.**

"All Gifts Are Important"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD IN SONG
Here I Am Lord" #525

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain):

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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

(Elders – Margie Fry, Hale McCulloch, Nancy McCullough)

(Deacons - Deborah Barrick, Sally Ann McCrea)

Questions to Elders and Deacons, Ordination

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we the members of the church accept...in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to respect the decisions...alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Do we promise to encourage and support...Christ here in this place? **We do.**

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

FINAL THOUGHTS Psalm 104:24-30p. 941

"The Spirit Brings Life"