

ORDER OF WORSHIP – JUNE 26, 2022

WELCOME

The Rev. Alison McCaffrey

WE GATHER IN SONG

Joseph D'Eugenio

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*THE GATHERING PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray...

*HYMN

Holy Spirit, Wind of Heaven

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Katie Stover

One: Let us say together what we believe.

All: We believe in the God of Creation, whose seasons are our delight, who gives us the summer sun and the rain, that the earth might blossom with beauty and plenty.

We believe in Jesus, who invited five thousand people to a summer picnic of fish and bread, who sailed on the Sea of Galilee with his friends, and who invited his disciples to climb a mountain and “rest a while.”

We believe in the Spirit, whose voice is heard in the cool breeze and the babbling brook, who calls us to live justly in creation, and by whose breath we live and love and laugh.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Rev. Dr. James Campbell

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us exchange words and signs of peace.

SOLO

D. Wortman

God of the Prophets
Melissa Clark, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 2:1-2; 6-14

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his

mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah? Where is he?" He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

MESSAGE

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"Pick Up Your Mantle"

SILENCE IS OBSERVED

We enter into a time of silence, to listen for God and to reflect upon what we have just heard.

SONG

Breathe on Me, Breath of God (verse 1)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

(Tune: Old 100th)

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

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

*HYMN

Pass it On

*SENDING FORTH

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her brother Christian, and her sister Alexandra.*