



**“Language of the Spirit – Breath of God”
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 13, 2021**

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with today!

If you have an email address and want to be on POP’s weekly announcement list, please let the church office know. You can find worship each week at <https://princeofpeace-er.org/worship/>.

If you would like to support the mission of Prince of Peace so that we can continue worship, community outreach, and other ministries, you can give any amount by cash, check, or online. Thank you for your generosity.

ORDER OF SERVICE *The assembly speaks the bold verses*

Preparing for Worship

Begin worship with a moment of silence.

Take this time to set up your worship space. Your space will be unique to who you are and what is meaningful to you. Ultimately, you are preparing space that helps you slow down and connect with God through Jesus.

You are invited to light a candle. We light candles in worship to signify the presence of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, with us.

Take a few deep breaths. Breathe in the breath of God through the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful:
Grant that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations,
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *(from the Canticle in the Nordic Lutheran Church of Sweden)*

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer: God, the Life-Giving Trinity

The words God speaks
are the life and sustenance
of all that exists.

The life Jesus gives
is the re-creation and renewed birth
of all that is broken and worn.

The Spirit's stirring in our souls
is the inspiration
for creativity, compassion, joy, and community.

**Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God;
may our whole lives be worship.
In all things, may we seek to connect with
and to reflect your love and your hope. Amen.**

Music *"On the Edge of Tomorrow"* by Ken Medema

Standing on the edge of tomorrow, standing on the edge of adventure,
Standing in the place of discovery, learning every step on the way.
Thankful for pathways behind us, looking to the future before us,
Guided by the Spirit among us, standing at the dawn of the day.
Standing at the dawn of the day.

Holy Spirit, guide us, worshipping we come.
Draw us ever closer to our God, our home.
Fill us with God's presence, mold and shape and turn,
Till with holy fire, hearts like torches burn.

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Standing in the place of discovery, learning every step on the way.
Thankful for pathways behind us, looking to the future before us,
Guided by the Spirit among us, standing at the dawn of the day.
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Holy Spirit, draw us so that we may stay
Ever close to Jesus, walking in His way.
When we are distracted, draw us ever near.
Give us faith to follow even when we fear.

Holy Spirit, teach us how to live as friends,
Found and freed by God's love, love that never ends.
Living out our union, learning loyalty,
Patiently discover holy family.

Holy Spirit, send us out beyond these walls,
Blessing, sharing, giving, answering God's call.
Bursting with God's presence, so God's grace we prove,
Sharing God's resources, shining with God's love.

Standing on the edge of tomorrow, standing on the edge of adventure,
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Thankful for pathways behind us, looking to the future before us,
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Standing at the dawn of the day.
Standing at the dawn of the day, standing at the dawn of the day.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin
to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for individual confession and self-reflection.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Greeting

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Compassionate God,
the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life
for all who long for you.
One breath from you and we are rescued
from the arid valley of dry bones,
given muscles and tendons and joy with which to praise you,
and filled with the holy hope you grant to all your faithful children.
Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit,
that what has lain dormant may burst into bloom,
and what looks to us to be death
may be revealed as but sleep
before the emergence of new life. **Amen.**

Music ***"Break Our Hearts Again"* - Words and Music By Paul Demer**

We pile up like dry bones, like orphans gathering
In burden, we're broken, our defenses fracturing

Chorus:

So break our hearts again
Stretch us 'til we bend.
Breathe new life on these tired bones
And make us new again

Our mountains are crumbling, like sand into the sea
Our rivers run drier than the rocks beneath our feet

Chorus

We lay our burdens down,
We lay our burdens down
We lay our burdens down,
We lay our burdens down

Gospel Reading *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay tendons on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were tendons on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

Message

Pastor Andrea Fluegel

Music *"Love, Listen to Your Children Praying"* by Ken Medema

Chorus:

Love, listen to your children praying
Love, send your spirit in this place
Love, listen to your children praying
Send us hope. Send us power. Send us grace.

Prayers of the People

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Gracious God, God of all compassion and consolation, your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may face despair and death with the hope of resurrection and faith through Christ, our Lord. Help us to dance with the spirit, the breath of life, which calls us out of the valley of dry bones and into the Kingdom of God, both a present reality and the grounding of our future hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Love, listen to your children praying

Love, send your spirit in this place

Love, listen to your children praying

Send us hope. Send us power. Send us grace.

Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. We ask that the Holy Spirit intercede for us when we have no words, and we give to you, Gracious Lord, all the people, places and circumstances on our hearts and minds that we now name silently in our hearts or aloud with our voices . . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Love, listen to your children praying

Love, send your spirit in this place

Love, listen to your children praying

Send us hope. Send us power. Send us grace.

Jesus Christ who revealed the way of life, inscribe your love and grace on our hearts that in this life, we may be the body of Christ. Help our hands to hold the sick and suffering. Help our feet to walk with the poor. Help our ears to listen to those who live in despair. May our eyes be affixed upon the suffering of the cross and the hope of the empty tomb so that we may live as resurrection people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

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 and ever. Amen.**

Music *"Spirit of Life"* by The Eden Seminarians

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Blessing

As you enter a new week,
may you experience God's presence.
May you feel God pouring out the Holy Spirit
over your heads and your thoughts and the words of your lips,
over your hearts and your feelings and emotions
and your compassion for all others,
and over your hands and your feet
as you put into action all that God commands you.

During this week,
may the grace of the ✠ Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with each of you. **Amen.**

Sending

Gathered by Grace.
Sent to Serve.
Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reopening Guidelines Update – Beginning Sunday, June 6, 2021:

Based on COVID-19 case numbers, CDC recommendations, and Northland Pines School District updating their mask requirements, the Church Council has decided that beginning Sunday, June 6, 2021, Prince of Peace will move to a "Mask Optional" policy inside the building including worship. Please be respectful and courteous to guests and to congregational members who are wearing masks for health or other reasons. We are one body in Christ and servants of all. Please contact Pastor Andrea Fluegel or a Church Council member if you have any questions or concerns.

Worship (Indoor)

- No limits on number of people attending
- No pre-registration required
- Masks are optional
- Social distancing strongly encouraged
- Slowly introducing hymn singing
- Communion taken in the pews

Coffee Hour/Fellowship

- Coffee Hour or Fellowship gatherings will be held outside
- Sanitation/Health Guidelines will be sent to those serving/hosting
- Coffee hour will occur if we have people willing to host
- No masks or social distancing required

Small Groups (less than 10 persons)

Small groups are able to meet in-person both inside and outside the building. Masks and social distancing optional (*encouraged that groups discuss comfort levels with each other*). It is recommended that groups do not eat in the building. No outside church groups.

Church Office

The Church office will continue to be open Tuesday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. No masks required. Church staff will wear masks as requested by those entering the building.

The Church Council will continue to meet to discuss these guidelines. **Thank you** for the ways in which you loved your neighbor and served in Jesus' name this past year.

Home Communion and Visits

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home (indoor or outside), or have the pastor or someone from the congregation come to visit with you, please contact Pastor Andrea Fluegel at 715.479-9263 or at pastor@princeofpeace-er.org to schedule a time.

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour Hosts

Prince of Peace will be resuming Coffee Hour following worship beginning Sunday, June 6. Coffee hour will be held outside, weather permitting. If you would like to host a Coffee Hour, please sign up online. You will be contacted with details about setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Currently, food will need to be store bought and as individualized as possible. For more information contact Barb Zima.

Grief Support Group

An informal time to gather with Pastor Andrea and individuals who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Whether your loved one died last week, last month, or ten years ago, or maybe you are grieving a loved one struggling with memory loss, you are invited to share stories of your loved one, your struggles, and places where you find hope. The next gathering will be on **Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 2 p.m.** at Prince of Peace, either in the Fellowship Hall or outside (weather permitting).

Bible Study On-The-Go

Did you know that Prince of Peace has an on-demand Bible study each week? You can access the Gathered and Sent podcast on the upcoming Sunday's scripture. Pastor Andrea and a member of the congregation (and sometimes special guests) discuss scripture and its relevance in our lives. This podcast will prepare you for Sunday morning worship and help to grow your faith life. Currently, we are in a six-week series on the Holy Spirit. You can access it on your favorite podcast platform such as Spotify, Apple Play, Siri, Audible, Pandora, etc.; on the church website; or by calling the church office at 715.479.9263 - Option 5.

New: Prayer Requests on POP Website

If you have a prayer request, you can now go to <https://princeofpeace-er.org/prayers/> to fill out a form, or you can go there to pray for the requests already posted. If you post a request, you have the opportunity to remain anonymous.

Lawn Care Help Needed

It's that time again! If you can help with lawn care at POP this summer season, please sign up on the website at princeofpeace-er.org/signups. Thank you for helping with this very important task.

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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is a community who believes in God's love, knows Jesus as Savior, and is blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Thankful for these gifts, we gather to pray and praise, explore God's Word and its meaning for our lives, strengthen each other in our witness, and serve each other and our neighbors in the world.

VISION STATEMENT

Gathered by Grace ~ Sent to serve.
*Core Values: Spirituality, Community,
Grace, Helping Others, Creativity.*

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