

...the Spirit helps us in our
weakness; for we do not know
how to pray as we ought, but
that very Spirit intercedes with
sighs too deep for words.

Romans 8:26

JUNE 18, 2017
WATTS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
JUNE 18, 2017
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

Chimes

Welcome/Concerns and Celebrations

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bringing in the Light and Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Light

Prelude: "Alone to God on High Be the Glory"Johann Pachelbel

PRAISING GOD

Minister: We come this day to worship God, bringing our varied stories, our unique gifts, and our distinct calls to serve.

People: We come in partnership and mission: to bear witness to Christ's presence, to pray for the Spirit to fill us, to care for God's children throughout the world, to live in community.

Minister: Let us worship God together.

*Hymn 15: "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart"MARION

Time with Children – Esther Soud Parker

PRAYING TOGETHER

Minister: Let us take time to be still, to center ourselves, to seek God alone.

People sing: Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.

Prayers in Silence

** If able, please stand.*

No flash photography. Please silence electronic devices.

Morning Prayer: Spirit of the living God, come upon me to quicken me and to lighten me and to brighten my way, to stir me to life and move me along. Spirit of the living God, come upon me to give me ears to hear and a tongue to praise, to awaken my heart to respond to your call. Spirit of the living God, come upon me either through thunder, lightning, or the mighty earthquake, or through a still, small voice quietly whispering. Amen.

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Pastoral Prayer

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TENDING TO THE WORD

Epistle: Romans 8:22-27

Minister: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “The Spirit at Work” – Dorisanne Cooper

Silence

The Spirit does not beckon us back to some prior time of God’s mighty works. It is mightily working now. The Spirit graciously lures us from guilt to freedom; it convinces us that this church and this ministry in all their inauthenticity are authentic because...they are the work of the Spirit’s hand.

—Richard John Neuhaus

Hymn 254: “Breathe on Me Breath of God” TRENTHAM

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Minister: Freely God has given gracious gifts to us.

People: Freely let us give, that others may know God’s grace.

Receiving Gifts

Anthem (Women’s Ensemble): “Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology TALLIS' CANON
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

COMMITTING OUR LIVES IN FAITH

*Invitation

*Hymn 586: "Open My Eyes That I May See" OPEN MY EYES

Benediction

Carrying the Light into the World

Postlude: "Toccatina in D Minor" Johann Pachelbel

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to welcome and affirm all persons, regardless of race, class, origin,
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We welcome as Members those who profess "Jesus is Lord."
We receive members through baptism or by transfer of letter from another congregation.
We also welcome Friends who maintain membership elsewhere.

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