

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent personal preparation for the worship of God.*

## GATHERING

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Trumpet in Dialogue . . . . . Louis-Nicolas Clérambault  
We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit . . . . . Dietrich Buxtehude  
Jeffrey DeVault, *organ*

### CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Winnie Host

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Leader:* What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

*People:* **That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,**

*Leader:* who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins,

*People:* **and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;**

*Leader:* therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life,

*People:* **and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

### \*HYMN -- Come, O Spirit . . . . . #127

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together) . . . Richard Wohlschlaeger

**After all these years we're still building towers to try to get to you, Holy One. We want to make a name for ourselves. "It's what people do," we tell ourselves. We strive to make ourselves like you – immortal, all-powerful, all-knowing. Indeed, this is what sinful people do. And our immortality is exposed by each new death. Our power is lampooned by the destruction we cause. Our wisdom is brought up short by our ignorance and folly. Forgive us such grandiosity. Teach us again, dear Trinity, that your immortality comes out of a suffering death, your power out of deep love, your knowledge out of faithful kindness. Amen.**

### SILENT PRAYER

*\*All who are able, please stand.*

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

\***RESPONSE** -- Spirit of the Living God . . . . . Hymn #322  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

### \*THE PEACE

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING -- Genesis 11:1-9 (OT, p. 9)

### PSALTER -- Psalm 104:24,27-34 . . . . . Ray Thompson, *cantor*

Lord, send out your Spir - it and re -  
new the face of the earth.

### A TIME WITH CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children ages 4 through 5th grade may leave for church school classes.  
*(These are the last classes before our summer schedule begins.)*

### \*HYMN -- Holy Spirit, Lord of Love . . . . . #524

### SECOND READING -- Acts 2:1-21 (NT, p. 119)

*Pastor:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON -- Loved and Chosen . . . . . John Weicher

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** -- Children of the Light . . . . . Scott Soper  
*We live no longer for ourselves: We live in Christ, we are God's new creation. We walk no longer in the night: We walk with Jesus as children of the light. We are no longer woman or man, no longer servant or free; we have put on Christ! We are children of God! In God's kingdom, we all become one! Refrain. We are no longer who we once were, lost in darkness of night; God became like us, became fragile like us, so that we might be holy like God! Refrain. We are one in the Lord, we are one in the faith, in one spirit we live as God's own. Let us walk in the light, let us walk in the ways of compassion, of justice and peace. Refrain.*  
*(2 Corinthians 5, Ephesians 5, 1 Corinthians 12)*  
 Beth Kuly, *soprano*

**\*DOXOLOGY** . . . . . Old Hundredth  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God all creatures here below.**  
**Praise God above, ye heavenly host,**  
**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

Presentation of the Confirmands  
 Renunciations  
 \*Affirmation of Faith (*unison, see insert*)  
 Laying on of Hands  
 Welcome

*"...in the worship and mission of the church"*

Response: **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one with him.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN** -- Here I Am, Lord . . . . . #525

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost . . . . . J. S. Bach

*As you leave during the closing voluntary, please do so quietly in respect for those who wish to remain seated.*

***The Swarthmore Presbyterian Church***  
*Swarthmore, Pennsylvania*

**May 23, 2010**  
**10:15 a.m.**

*Pentecost Sunday*  
*Confirmation*



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