

Welcome to

First Mennonite Church

Denver, CO



1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16

June 20, 2021

*That you may know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Entering Worship

Welcome

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

Voices Together 58 / Sing the Story 79

Refrain Holy Spirit, come to us,
Kindle in us the fire of your love.
Holy Spirit, come to us,
Veni Sancte Spiritus.

Verses- sung over refrain

Vs 1 Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment:
Love one another just as I have loved you."

Vs 2 Jesus said, "It is by your love for one another,
That ev'ryone will recognize you as my disciples."

Vs 3 Jesus said, "No one has greater love than this:
To lay down one's life for those one loves."

Vs 4 We know love by this,
That Christ laid down his life for us.

Vs 5 This is love:
It is not we who have loved God but God who loved us.

Vs 6 God is love, and those who abide in love
Abide in God and God in them.

Children's Time

Holy Spirit, Come with Power

VT 57 / Hymnal: A Worship Book 26

Vs 1 Holy Spirit, come with power, breathe into our aching night.
We expect you this glad hour, waiting for your strength and light.
We are fearful, we are ailing, we are weak and selfish too.
Break upon your congregation, give us vigor, life anew.

Vs 2 Holy Spirit, come with fire, burn us with your presence new.
Let us as one mighty choir sing our hymn of praise to you.
Burn away our wasted sadness and enflame us with your love.
Burst upon your congregation, give us gladness from above.

Vs 3 Holy Spirit, bring your message, burn and breathe each word anew
Deep into our tired living till we strive your work to do.
Teach us love and trusting kindness, lend our hands to those who hurt.
Breathe upon your congregation and inspire us with your word.

Announcements

Call to Worship

From 1 John 4:7-21

Love makes us bold.

For perfect love casts out all fear.

You are love, O God.

Where there is love, there you are.

Love is from you, O Holy One.

We rejoice in this gift. We praise you, O Source of Love!

Invocation

Faith Reflection

Chimes

Scripture

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16

So when David came back from killing the Philistine, Abner sent for him and presented him to Saul. The Philistine's head was still in David's hand. Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, my boy?"

"I'm the son of your servant Jesse from Bethlehem," David answered.

As soon as David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan's life became bound up with David's life, and Jonathan loved David as much as himself. From that point forward, Saul kept David in his service and wouldn't allow

him to return to his father's household. And Jonathan and David made a covenant together because Jonathan loved David as much as himself. Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his armor, as well as his sword, his bow, and his belt. David went out and was successful in every mission Saul sent him to do. So Saul placed him in charge of the soldiers, and this pleased all the troops as well as Saul's servants.

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The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. David had success in all his undertakings; for the Lord was with him. When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

Nada te trube

VT 604 / HWB 562

Spanish

Nada te turbe, nada te espante;
Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.
Nada te turbe, nada te espante. Sólo Dios basta.

English translation

Let nothing trouble you. Let nothing frighten you.
Whoever has God lacks nothing.

Meditation

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Chimes

Community & Sharing

Offering

Prayer of the Church

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

VT 529 / HWB 414

Vs 1 God, who stretched the spangled heavens,
Infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance
Through the silent fields of space;
We, your children in your likeness,
Share inventive pow'rs with you.
Great Creator still creating,
Show us what we yet may do.

Vs 2 We have ventured worlds undreamed of
Since the childhood of our race,
Known the ecstasy of winging
Through untraveled realms of space,
Probed the secrets of the atom,
Yielding unimagined pow'r,
Facing us with life's destruction
Or our most triumphant hour.

Vs 3 As each far horizon beckons,
 May it challenge us anew,
 Children of creative purpose
 Serving others, hon'ring you.
 May our dreams prove rich with promise,
 Each endeavor well begun.
 Great Creator, give us guidance
 Till our goals and yours are one.

Benediction

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