## Prelude

#### **Welcome and Announcements**



## \*Call to Worship

Leader: Do you hear it,

People: the sound of rushing wind beginning to fill this house?

Leader: Do you see it,

People: the glowing pillars of fire reflecting in every pair of eyes?

Leader: Do you feel it,

People: God moving in this place, calling us to worship?

Leader: The spirit has come! The church is born! **People: Let us worship God with thanksgiving!** 

## \*Hymn # 692 – Spirit, Open My Heart

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart. God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender. All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart. Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart. May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother. In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

## **Call to Confession**

## **Prayer of Confession**

O God, as your Spirit filled the church on the first Pentecost day, so fill this house of worship with your presence, and fill us with your passion. You are doing a new thing, actively moving in the world. Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been written. You hear the prayers of every language and call us to hear each other. Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit only spoke our native tongue. Wash us in your grace, O God, and illumine us with your fire. Send us out to follow your spirit and teach us to hear the prayers of all your people. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

## \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

## **Prayer of Illumination**

Sunday, May 23rd

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon:** Sent by the Holy Spirit

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Confession of 1967

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all. Amen.

**Special Music** 

## **Prayers of the People**

## 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## \*Hymn # 300 – We Are One in the Spirit

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

## \*Charge and Benediction

## \*Congregational Response: Hymn # 606 – Doxology

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.

## Postlude

## **DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP**



The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

# We Are One in the Spirit

# They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



- 1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
- will walk with each oth er; we will walk hand in We hand;
- We will work with each oth er; we will work side by
- the Fa-ther, from whom all things come, 4 All praise to



the Spir - it; in in the Lord, we one we are one will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand, hand in will with each oth - er; work we will work side by side, and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on 1y Son,



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re-stored: and we to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is dig - ni - ty and we'll guard hu-man and save hu-man pride: Spir - it, who and all praise to the



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.