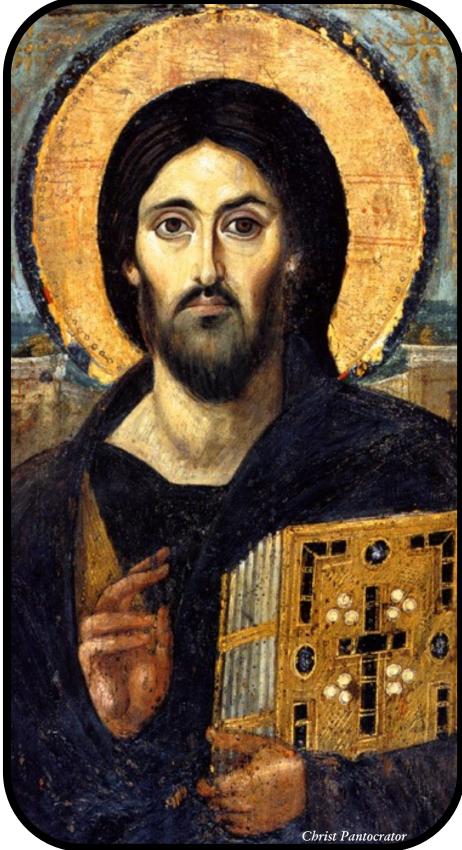
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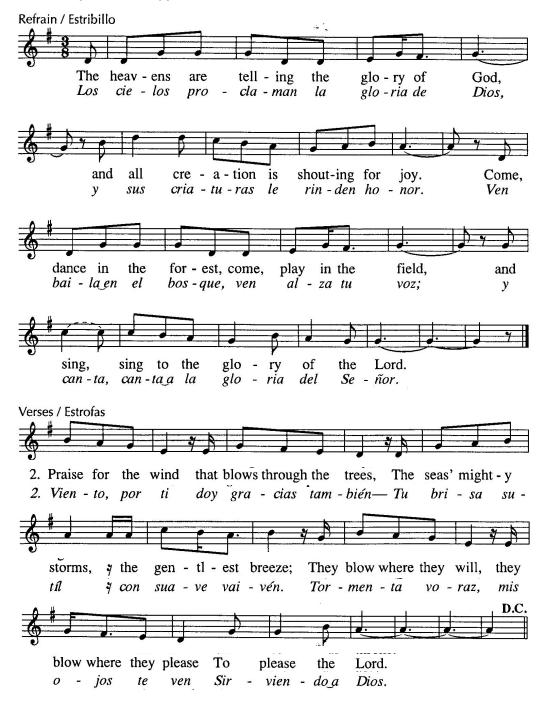


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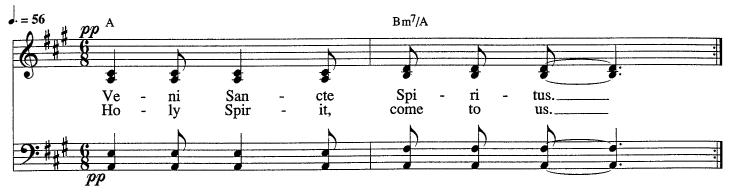
Welcome and Opening Centering/Candle Lighting by Rev. BJ Woodworth

* Canticle of the Sun (verse 2 only)



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NB28 Holy Spirit, Come To Us



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Sung Response: * Many And Great



Native American Melody (Dakota)

Bless the Radiant One, O my soul! O Heart of my heart, You are so very great! You are clothed with justice and mercy, Arrayed in Light as your fine attire. You stretch over the heavens like a tent, Your Radiance covering the waters. MANY AND GREAT...

You shine through the clouds, And ride on the wings of the wind; The wind, like the Breath of Life, Carries your Word, Fire refines the dross of our souls. MANY AND GREAT...

You set the earth on its foundations, Strong and secure. You covered it with the deep like a garment, With many waters that life might come forth. At your word, the waters divided, Becoming rivers and lakes And mighty oceans; Storms came to ensure the balance And to renew the earth. MANY AND GREAT... The mountains rose, the valleys became low In the places that you did a point. You brought harmony to all the earth, That life might spring forth in abundance. MANY AND GREAT...

You created springs to flow into the valleys; They flow between the hills, Giving drink to every creature of the field, Quenching their thirst As your living water quenches ours. With the air, you have given birds their habitation; They sing among the branches.

MANY AND GREAT...

The majesty of creation is seen Throughout the land, The sounds of creation mingle With the music of the spheres. MANY AND GREAT...

The Word/Meditation: Genesis 1:1-2; Psalm 104:1-4a; Song of Songs 4:16

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers.

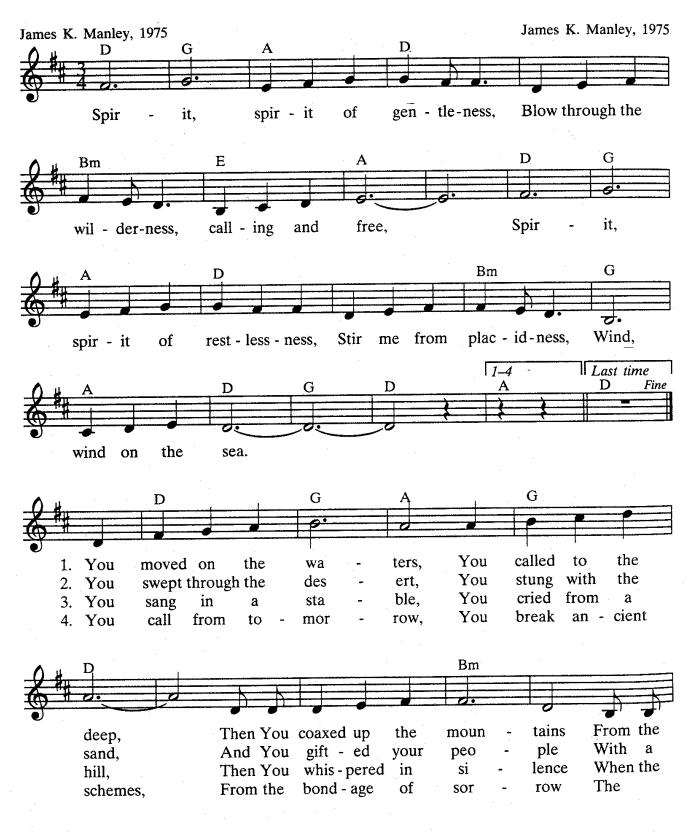
Awake, O north wind, and come, O south wind! Blow upon my garden that its fragrance may be wafted abroad. Let my beloved come to his garden, and eat its choicest fruits.



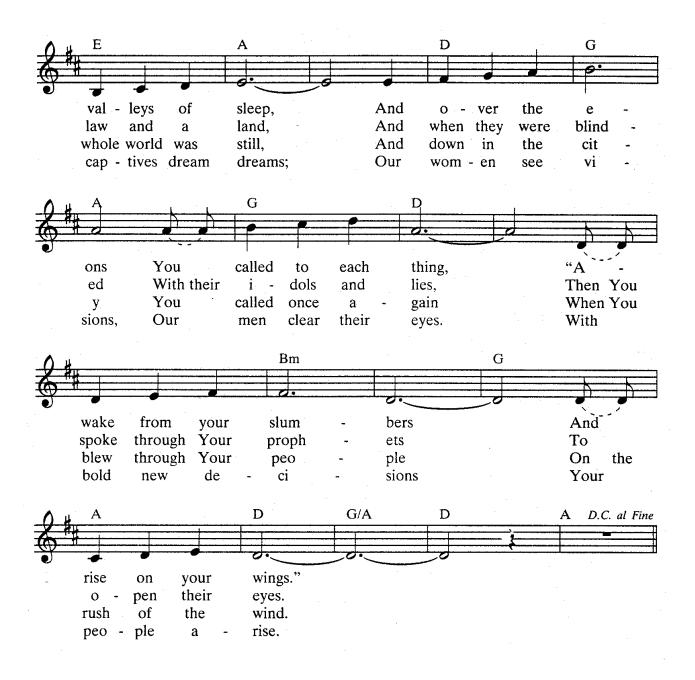
Words from Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)

God's soul is the wind rustling plants and leaves, the dew dancing on the grass, the rainy breeze is making everything grow. Just like this, the kindness of a person flows, touching those dragging burdens of longing. We [become] a breeze helping the homeless dew comforting those who are depressed, the cool misty air refreshing the exhausted... this is how we share God's soul.

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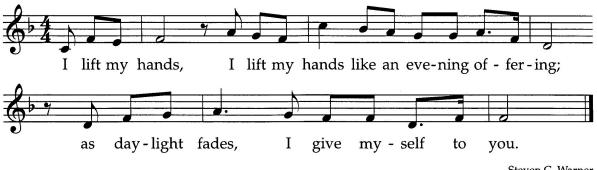
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Prayers of Intercession: Lighting of Incense

As you feel led to pray this evening, you are invited to come and light incense as your prayer of intercession. Let your prayer come before God like incense. (*Psalm 141:2*)

Sung Response: * I Lift My Hands (Psalm 141)



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G114 Let It Breathe On Me



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Blessing of Wind by Rev. BJ Woodworth

Blessing of wind be upon you. May your sails billow wide, may you breathe deeply the gift of inspiration, may you be carried to the place of your resurrection, may you be fully free. AMEN! — Christine Valters Painter, Water, Wind, Earth and Fire, pg. 43

G SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS №

Silent Walk on the Butler-Freeport Community Trail

Saturday, July 10 from 9-11:30 am

We will gather in Freeport at the Laneville Trailhead of Butler-Freeport Community Trail (100 Main St, Freeport, 16229), walk in silence along the path at our own pace, stop, linger along the stream, sit, read, be in nature in silence with God and one another. We will regather back at the trailhead to share reflections and observations at 11:30 am.



RSVP to Norma by Friday, July 9 (412.441.3800 x111; Norma@coh.net).

In Pursuit of Silence | Film Viewing and Conversation Saturday, Aug 14 from 7–9 pm

In Pursuit of Silence is a documentary that meditatively explores our relationship with silence, sound, and the impact of noise on our lives. Beginning with an ode to John Cage's groundbreaking composition, 4'33", the film takes us on an immersive cinematic journey around the globe from a traditional tea ceremony in Kyoto, to the streets of Mumbai during the wild festival season—and inspires us to experience silence and celebrate the wonders of our world. RSVP to Norma by Aug 13 (412.441.3800 x111).





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September 24-26, 2021

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Over the weekend of Sept. 24–26, the Spiritual Life Committee invites you to a virtual simulcast of the Center for Action and Contemplation's CONSPIRE Conference, Me/Us/the World: Living Inside God's Great Story.

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