

“TAKE 10”- Worship While Away! (Sunday, August 5, 2018)

Share:

Powerful Spirit, strong Wind – stirring us to life, breathing hope into despair.
Warming Spirit, dancing Flame – kindling joy and filling us with courage.
Comforting Spirit, gentle Breeze – refreshing our weariness, softening our grief.
Wise Spirit, blazing Fire – illuminating our path, casting out the darkness.
Holy Spirit, soaring Dove – calling us to worship, filling us with love.

Read these words from a hymn today:

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.
 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 Until my heart is pure,
 Until with Thee I will one will,
 To do and to endure.
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.
 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
 So shall I never die,
 But live with Thee the perfect life
 Of Thine eternity.

Read this scripture from worship: John 14:15-31 (The Message)

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ “If you love me, show it by doing what I’ve told you. I will talk to the Father, and he’ll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can’t take him in because it doesn’t have eyes to see him, doesn’t know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be *in* you! ¹⁸⁻²⁰ “I will not leave you orphaned. I’m coming back. In just a little while the world will no longer see me, but you’re going to see me because I am alive and you’re about to come alive. At that moment you will know absolutely that I’m in my Father, and you’re in me, and I’m in you. ²¹ “The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that’s who loves me. And the person who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and make myself plain to him.”

²² Judas (not Iscariot) said, “Master, why is it that you are about to make yourself plain to us but not to the world?”

23-24 “Because a loveless world,” said Jesus, “is a sightless world. If anyone loves me, he will carefully keep my word and my Father will love him—we’ll move right into the neighborhood! Not loving me means not keeping my words. The message you are hearing isn’t mine. It’s the message of the Father who sent me. 25-27 “I’m telling you these things while I’m still living with you. The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you. I’m leaving you well and whole. That’s my parting gift to you. Peace. I don’t leave you the way you’re used to being left—feeling abandoned, bereft. So don’t be upset. Don’t be distraught. 28 “You’ve heard me tell you, ‘I’m going away, and I’m coming back.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I’m on my way to the Father because the Father is the goal and purpose of my life.

29-31 “I’ve told you this ahead of time, before it happens, so that when it does happen, the confirmation will deepen your belief in me. I’ll not be talking with you much more like this because the chief of this godless world is about to attack. But don’t worry—he has nothing on me, no claim on me. But so the world might know how thoroughly I love the Father, I am carrying out my Father’s instructions right down to the last detail.

“Get up. Let’s go. It’s time to leave here.”

Talk together, responding to these questions:

What words and descriptive terms have changed over time within in our culture?

When you hear someone say, “Holy Ghost,” what do you imagine?

When you hear someone say, “Holy Spirit,” what do you imagine?

How does Jesus describe the Holy Spirit as the presence and essence of God?

How does Jesus breathe new life into his followers by the Holy Spirit?

Pray together:

Christ Jesus, our peace, send forth your Holy Spirit to fill our hearts today. Surround us with your peace, sustain us by your grace, and strengthen us in your word, so that we may always be your true and faithful disciples. This we pray in your holy name. Amen.

Bless one another:

Take each person's hand and say. "God's grace is for you, God's love is upon you, God's call is within you. Be kind to yourself and others this week as a child of God."