



"She is a woman I know well—one whose strength and connection with the Holy Spirit are as apparent as her beauty, but her voice is stifled, questioned, and ignored. Narrow mindedness and fear have done their best to keep her quiet. Enough silencing her. If you'd only listen to her, you'd learn she contains multitudes." – Lauren Wright Pittman, artist, *"Enough"* 2018.

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On this Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost and World Communion Sunday, we begin an October-themed sermon series, *Holy Ghost Stories*. This spooktacular series will explore stories about the Holy Spirit at work in the world. What does the Spirit call and compel us to do? How does the Spirit function? What can we learn about God and the inclusive love of Jesus from the Holy Spirit's call on our lives?

Prelude

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Words of Welcome

Opening Song

There's a Spirit in the Air

Hymn 133

Call to Worship

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing, which we bless.

**And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Opening Prayer

The Gloria

**Glorify to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without
end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

Music and Words: Paul M. Vasile

First Lesson

[Genesis 1:1-5](#)

Genesis is a book of beginnings. It tells the story of God's creation of the universe, the beginning of humankind's relationship with God, and the beginnings of the early ancestors of the Jewish faith. In this first creation account of Genesis, God speaks the heavens and earth into existence. God's wind or *ruah* – spirit (Hebrew) swept over the face of the watery chaos. God creates by ordering and taming chaos in this creation account.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Scripture Response

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing, which we bless.

**And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Second Lesson

[Genesis 2:18-23](#)

In this second creation account, the same God who previously created the universe, gets dirt under God's fingernails. God is intimately involved in fashioning the *adam* or "human" (Hebrew) from the clay of the earth. God recognizes the *adam's* pain and loneliness, so God fashions another human.

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

Third Lesson

[Matthew 3:13-17](#)

Jesus comes to John the Baptizer to be baptized in the River Jordan. When Jesus emerges from the waters, the heavens are opened, and the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, descends upon Jesus. A voice proclaims that Jesus is God's Beloved.

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Sermon

Holy Ghost Stories: The Spirit of Enoughness

Rev. Dan Stark

Sermon Response

Spirit Song

Hymn 352

Prayers of the People

Hear Our Prayers, O God...

For health & healing: *God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.* Ps. 147:3

We pray for:

~ Pray for the Reese family as they grieve the loss of Milton Reese. He was 96 and a long-time member, and much loved by his Christ Church family.

~ Lynn S.: For my brother-in-law, Mike. He is in treatment for cancer.

~ Mary Ann M.: Continued prayers for my friend Kim, who remains hospitalized with multiple medical issues.

Prayer Song

Spirit of the Living God

Hymn 492 v 1

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 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

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.

A-men.

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

God is with you

And also with you.

Open your hearts.

We open our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

In joy we give our thanks and praise!

It is right to give God thanks and praise! And so, with your people on Earth and all the company of Heaven, we praise your name in this unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are filled with Your glory: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

World Communion Liturgy

First, God created one person. With God's Spirit, God breathed life into the earth.

But it was not right for that one person to be alone.

That person had God but needed companions. So, God made the animals.

The fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the creatures of the land.

But it still wasn't enough, so God made another person, an equal, someone to share with, and talk with. God created relationship. God created communion.

Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!

And then God took it one step further. God looked at the many people living in relationship together and decided to join the community. God came to be with us as one of us – Jesus! God said, you are my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased!

Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!

One night, when Jesus sat with his community, he took bread, broke it, and blessed it, saying, "This is my body." Then he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood."

Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!

Come Holy Spirit, and make us one Body of Christ!

Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!

Bone of our bone; flesh of our flesh: One with each other and all humanity: the Body of Christ...

Prayer of Consecration

Send your Spirit on this meal and on us, so that we may be true signs of your presence in the world. Empower us to proclaim the good news of justice, peace, and love.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Closing Song

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Hymn 24

Sending

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing, which we bless.

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we are one body in this one Lord.**

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Happy Birthday to these wonderful people!

10/2 – Nancy Jonokuchi
10/6 – Sara Rogers
10/7 – Amy Waldoch
10/8 – Sue Fine
10/9 – Richard Tremarello

Thank You

I have asked for prayers for my brother-in-law who has cancer. The prayers are working. His treatments are showing good results. Thanks for all prayers. ~Lynn S.

Divine Intervention Volunteers Needed

Please help fill up the Friday dates as building reps for DI-SOS. It's a mere 1½ hour time commitment.

Set up approx. 4:45 pm Tear down 6:00 pm Finish 6:15 pm

I am always willing to train anyone wishing to participate in this ministry. You will be amazed at seeing 45 hot meals distributed in about 15 minutes each Friday evening! The pandemic is waning, but the effects still linger in the Bay View community.

~ Jim Wick jameswick73@gmail.com , 414-614-2612

Membership Classes

October 17th & October 31st following worship

Book Club

Sunday, October 24th, 2021 @ 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Topic: *Cutting For Stone* by Abraham Verghese

Crochet Class

Crochet group is up and running again. We meet the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month (October 9th & 23rd, 10am to 12pm. Anyone interested in joining or learning how is more than welcomed to come on down. The time is from 10am until 12pm, with all the coffee you can drink. It doesn't matter what your age is, anyone can learn. See Ken Klockow for more information. ~Ken Klockow

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will begin in mid-October. Details to come.

Endowment Meeting

October 13th @ 7pm @ Dohoney's

Church Council Meeting

October 19th @ 7pm

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