



**WEST BRIDGEWATER**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday, April 30, 2023

*Join us live on our Facebook or YouTube page beginning at 10:30 a.m.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn: “O Breath of God”**

*Words and music: Keith Getty and Phil Madeira.*

O Breath of God, come fill this place;  
revive our hearts to know Your grace,  
and from our slumber make us rise,  
that we may know the risen Christ.

O Word of God, so clear and true,  
renew our minds to trust in You;  
and give to us the Bread of Life,  
that we may know the risen Christ.

O Love of God, so unrestrained,  
refresh our souls in Jesus’ name.  
Let us reflect Your sacrifice,  
that we may know the risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit make us one;  
in holiness let us unite,  
that we may know the risen Christ.

**Hymn: “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”**

*Words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend*

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude:  
kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.  
Show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
that in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

### **Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"**

*Words: George Croly. Music: Frederick C. Atkinson.*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
and make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Teach me to know that Thou art always nigh;  
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear.  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh,  
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?  
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.  
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame:  
the kindling of the heaven-descended Dove,  
my heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

### **Time of Prayer**

### **Sermon: "Jesus Poured out the Spirit"**

#### **Genesis 1:1–2 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

#### **Psalms 33:6 (ESV)**

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,  
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

### **Job 33:4 (ESV)**

The Spirit of God has made me,  
and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

### **Genesis 2:7 (ESV)**

then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

### **Jeremiah 31:31–34 (ESV)**

<sup>31</sup> “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

### **Ezekiel 36:24–28 (ESV)**

<sup>24</sup> I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

### **Ezekiel 37:1–14 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say

to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

### **Ezekiel 39:28–29 (ESV)**

<sup>28</sup> Then they shall know that I am the LORD their God, because I sent them into exile among the nations and then assembled them into their own land. I will leave none of them remaining among the nations anymore. <sup>29</sup> And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord GOD.”

### **John 3:1–8 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

### **John 14:15–17 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

### **John 14:25–26 (ESV)**

<sup>25</sup> “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

### **John 15:26 (ESV)**

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.”

### **John 16:7–11 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

### **John 16:12–15 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

### **John 20:19–23 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

### **Hymn: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”**

*Words: Edwin Hatch. Music: Robert Jackson.*

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what you do love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,  
till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with You the perfect life of Your eternity.

### **Benediction**

#### **2 Corinthians 13:14 (ESV)**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.