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TIME OF REFLECTION

“Holy Spirit, Truth divine,^{[L] [SEP]}
Dawn upon this soul of mine,^{[L] [SEP]}
Word of God and inward light,^{[L] [SEP]}
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine,^{[L] [SEP]}
Glow within this heart of mine,^{[L] [SEP]}
Kindle every high desire,^{[L] [SEP]}
Perish self in Thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, Power divine,^{[L] [SEP]}
Fill and nerve this will of mine,^{[L] [SEP]}
Grant that I may strongly live,^{[L] [SEP]}
Bravely bear, and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, Right divine,^{[L] [SEP]}
King within my conscience reign,^{[L] [SEP]}
Be my Lord, and I shall be
Firmly bound, forever free.

Holy Spirit, Peace divine,^{[L] [SEP]}
Still this restless heart of mine,^{[L] [SEP]}
Speak to calm this tossing sea,^{[L] [SEP]}
Stayed in Thy tranquility.

Holy Spirit, Joy divine,^{[L] [SEP]}
Gladden Thou this heart of mine,^{[L] [SEP]}
In the desert ways I sing,^{[L] [SEP]}
‘Spring, O Well, forever spring.’

Now incline me to repent,^{[L] [SEP]}
Let me now my sins lament,^{[L] [SEP]}
Now my foul revolt deplore,^{[L] [SEP]}
Weep, believe, and sin no more.”

~Samuel Longfellow (1819-1892) “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”

Worship through the Word

SERMON – “The Holy Spirit in Acts: Power, Comfort, and Unity” – *Kevin Schwartz*

SERMON PASSAGES – *selections from Acts (ESV)*

Acts 1:6-8

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 2:37-41

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Acts 9:31

³¹ So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.