

“Come, Holy Spirit” – Week Two
Spirit of Life ~ Creation

- A. Practice, Romans 8:14-27 – *Lectio Divina* (Latin, ‘divine reading’)
– generally in five movements
1. *Silencio*, quiet preparation of the heart
 2. *Lectio*, first reading, open to listen, word or phrase that stands out
 3. *Meditatio*, second reading, listening for an invitation God is extending through the reading
 4. *Oratio*, third reading, pray, enter into dialogue with God
 5. *Contemplatio*, contemplate, rest and wait in the presence of God
- B. Defining *spirit* – *ruach* (Hebrew) & *pneuma* (Greek) can mean...
1. the Spirit of God (e.g., “The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,” Isaiah 61:1), the Holy Spirit (New Testament, *Pneumatou Hagiou*), the Third Person of the Trinity (e.g., “they were all filled with the Holy Spirit,” Acts 2:4)
 2. ... and also spiritual beings
 - a. evil/unclean spirits (e.g., “Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit,” Luke 9:42)
 - b. the human spirit (e.g., “it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,” Romans 8:16)
 3. ... and also elemental forces
 - a. breath (e.g., Ezekiel 37:5; Matthew 27:50)
 - b. wind (e.g., Genesis 8:1; John 3:8)
- C. Images of the Spirit
1. Breath (e.g., Psalm 104:29-30; John 20:22)
 2. Wind (e.g., Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:1-4)
 3. Fire (e.g., Exodus 24:7; Luke 3:16)
 4. Cloud (e.g., Exodus 13:21-22; Matthew 17:5)
 5. Water (e.g., Isaiah 44:3; John 7:37-39)
 6. Dove (e.g., Luke 3:21-22)
 7. *Paraclete* (Greek), ‘one called alongside,’ advocate (John 14:15-26, 15:26-27, 16:7-14)
 8. “energy field” of divine love that sustains the universe (Richard Rohr, *Embodiment*, Daily Meditation, April 17, 2016)

D. Spirit of Life

1. the Spirit and Creation (Genesis 1:1-2, 26-27 & Genesis 2:4-7)
2. the Spirit and Jesus Christ
 - a. conceived by the Spirit (Matthew 1:18-20, Luke 1:26-38)
 - b. empowered by the Spirit for ministry – baptism, temptation, mission (Luke 4:14-21)
3. the Spirit and us
 - a. empowered by the Spirit for ministry (John 20:22, Acts 1:8, 1 Cor 12:4-13)
 - b. raised to life by the Spirit (Romans 8:11)