

Grow Our Fire

Call to Worship

Leader: As we gather together around the fire,
watching the colors ebb and flow from one into
the other,

People: **May we see the Spirit enter in through mystery
and color.**

Leader: Let us see the Holy Spirit at work in others and
in ourselves.

People: **Help us to grow our fire to share the Spirit's
movement within our church, our community,
and our world.**

Opening Prayer

We are waiting for your presence, God. Patient, like a lover sitting by the telephone, waiting for the voice of their beloved. Attentive as a farmer watching clouds for rain, waiting for the parched soil's relief. Intent as a child standing by the road, waiting for the parade to appear. Empty as a satellite dish scanning the heavens, waiting for a message from the stars. Poised as the still arms of a windmill, waiting for the wind's inspiration. Open as the wide sand beach, waiting for the tide's embrace. Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

Benediction

As you go forth from this place, may the wind of the Spirit startle your senses and blow through your life; may the fire of the Spirit scorch your complacency and light your way. And may the blessing of the Holy One—Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer—rest with you now and forever more. Amen.**

Text for today: "Then *you send your Spirit*, and new life is born to replenish all the living of the earth. Praise God forever! How he must rejoice in all his work! The earth trembles at his glance; the mountains burst into flame at his touch" (Psalm 104: 30-32, *TLB*). **Bible readings for today:** Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35*b* (30); 1 Corinthians 12:3*b*-13 or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39.