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**SEEKERS CHURCH**

**A Christian Community**

*In the Tradition of Church of the Saviour*

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### **REFLECTION**

Consider the divine spirit in the human soul. This spirit is not easily satisfied. It storms the firmament and scales the heavens trying to reach the Spirit that drives the heavens. Because of this energy everything in the world grows green, flourishes, and bursts into leaf. But the spirit is never satisfied. It presses on deeper and deeper into the vortex,

further and further into the whirlpool, the primary source in which the spirit has its origin.

Meister Eckhart, quoted by Matthew Fox,  
The Reinvention of Work, pg 122.

## **PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: A mighty wind is blowing!

People: Tongues of fire dance!

Leader: The gifts are given.

People: The Spirit is present with us.

Unison: Prophets, visionaries, dreamers!

Come worship with courage and with hope.

## **INVOCATION**

## HYMN

## WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

## SILENCE

## LITANY

Leader: A mighty wind is blowing in our land.

People: Some say it is the Spirit come upon us;  
some say that chaos reigns.

Leader: Our spirits long to fly,  
to answer God's prophetic call  
more deeply in our lives and work,  
and yet we cling to what we know.

People: We feel the pressure of the Spirit in our faces,  
pushing backwards toward the Source.

Leader: The Spirit flourishes in wilderness;  
we find it close at hand when we are lost.

Unison: We move into the wilderness together,  
listening for the Spirit  
in the words we offer one another,  
and in the mighty wind.

## **SILENCE**

## **PRAYERS**

### **CONFESSION**

Leader: Jesus said: "The wind blows where it chooses,  
and you hear the sound of it,  
but you do not know where it comes from  
or where it goes.

So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Voice 1: We confess to rigidity and practicality  
when we choose our work.

Let the wind teach us flexibility and mystery.

Leader: We confess to being sensible and cautious

when we name our call.

Let the wind teach us abandon and risk.

Voice 2: We confess that we clutch and grasp  
to keep a secure position.

Let the wind teach us generosity and loss.

Leader: The wind blows where it chooses,  
and you hear the sound of it,  
but you do not know where it comes from,  
or where it goes.

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE (Leader)

People of the Spirit, take heart.

The wind that drives the heavens  
lifts us up triumphantly into God,  
fanning the spark of Soul that burns incessantly  
in each of us.

CONTINUING PRAYERS

**HYMN**

**THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

SILENT REFLECTION

**OFFERING**

OFFERTORY MUSIC

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SHARED REFLECTIONS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN**

**BENEDICTION**

Leader: Living God, eternal Holy Spirit,  
let your bright, intoxicating energy,

which fired those first disciples,  
fall on us to turn the world again.

People: Thanks be to God!

Unison: Amen.

#### WORSHIP SOURCES

Confession: From John 3:8

Assurance: Fox, The Revision of Work, Pg 124.

Benediction: New Zealand Prayer Book, pg 604