Where can I go then from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?
(Psalms 139)

In this season of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit which descended to dwell among us. The Episcopal Church in Visual Arts Exhibit of 2006, of which this painting was a part, was a visual prayer of gratitude for this mighty gift of God that surrounds all of us and breathes within each of us.

The image is one of a descending dove representing the Holy Spirit received at baptism. In contrast to the usual fiery red Pentecostal images, the artist has used stylized green leaves to remind us of the growth of the spiritual life. And the dark background conveys the discomfort that may often accompany that growth.

TO OUR GUESTS - WELCOME - THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY!
St. Luke’s Episcopal Church is a Christian community composed of free thinkers who include: conservatives, moderates, & liberals; agnostics, skeptics & atheists. All spiritual seekers who are searching for an approach to faith that makes the most sense to them personally are welcome here!

PLEASE NOTE: During the 10:30 worship service, we normally video-record the sermon for posting on You-Tube. Your image may be captured during recording.
To view sermons, go to You-Tube and then search for “St. Luke’s Episcopal Church Park City.”

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If you need pastoral support or know someone that does, please call Fr. Charles+, at 435-901-2131. Remember, Charles+ still can’t read minds so he will not know unless you tell him. Calls will be kept confidential.

If your birthday does not appear on our list, please notify Beckie in the office so that she can add it.

In Need of Prayer of Home Communion?
St.Luke’s Prayer Ministers are available during the 10:30 AM service to pray with you. If you would like a name added to our Prayer Chain, contact Tami Wrice with your request at 435-901-1128 or t-wrice@hotmail.com If you know of someone who needs Home Communion, contact our Lay Eucharistic Visitor Team by calling or emailing the Church Office. Blessings!

PLEASE PRAY FOR...............
THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:
Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Diocesan Bishop and for ALL the people and parishes in our diocese. Pray especially for Cathedral Church of St. Mark in Salt Lake City.
All people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the people & leaders of The Church of Brazil.

OUR NATION & ITS LEADERS:
Our government leaders that they may live & work in a spirit of calm reason & cooperation on behalf of the common good.

THOSE WHO ARE FACING SUFFERING & HARDSHIP:

THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:
† An end to prejudice and bigotry against LGBTQ people and all other minorities.
† An end to terrorism and the wisdom to find a way to live together in peace.
† An end to the conflicts in Yemen, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan and healing for all victims.
† A lasting, permanent peace between Israel & her neighbors.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED……

PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR......
For our Chalice Bearer Leader, Mary Parsons and her family.

For those having Birthdays this week: Susan Meyer on Monday; Monique Straughan on Tuesday and Bonnie Brown on Saturday.
Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

`In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp. Here ends the text.

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From the Christian Gospels: John 20:19-23
Reader: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.
Evidence That Poor People Aren't Lazy
by Paul Buchheit
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Many financially successful people believe they deserve their good fortunes, and that the poor are taking handouts. But on average little of the money of the wealthiest Americans is spent on productive job-creating ventures. Potential young entrepreneurs, in contrast, are too often mired in debt and deprived of opportunities to prosper. Based on the evidence, the very people demeaned as 'lazy' are generally the hardest workers.

Most Safety Net Recipients Are Working
Almost 63 percent of America's work-eligible poor are working, and 73 percent of public support recipients are members of working families. (see next page in this Weekly Magazine) As noted by Paul Krugman, "only 26 percent of jobless Americans are receiving any kind of unemployment benefit, the lowest level in many decades."

For Those Who Aren't Working, Living-Wage Opportunities Aren't Available
Congress has continually thwarted job creation proposals, contributing to a stunning increase in the long-term unemployment rate, from 17.5 percent to 43.7 percent after the 2008 recession, and then down to a still-middle-class-crushing 27 percent today (as of March 2012).

The Middle Class Produces the Entrepreneurs
Experience has shown that productive new ideas, and the job creation that comes with them, are generated by young middle class people. But as debt and job loss has plagued this part of America over the past 30 years, the number of new startups has dropped dramatically.

Immigrants Bring Even More Entrepreneurship
According to the Wall Street Journal, immigrants make up 13 percent of the population, but 28 percent of the small business owners. Plus, they boost local economies by starting businesses in developing neighborhoods.

In the last three years, the number of Hispanic-owned businesses has grown at an annual rate 15 times that of the rate for all companies.

Income Experiments Show that the Poor Use Money Productively
Results from a 2005 program in Britain support the argument that the reduction of poverty promotes family stability, rather than the other way around. Increases in family income, especially through work opportunities, led to "sharp and sustained decreases in material hardship for the most vulnerable families," and, in the cases of households with children, more spending on family needs and less on alcohol and tobacco. A broader study of 18 European countries found "increasing employment commitment as social spending gets more generous" -- in other words, dividend payments encourage people to work harder, rather than the other way around.

Even the concept of providing grants to homeless people seems to work. In both Utah and California, trial programs have led to stable living conditions for dozens of formerly homeless people, with few conflicts or behavioral issues within the communities, and at a significantly lower cost than the alternative of temporary shelters.

The System Seems to Work in Favor of the Haves
Many believe that hard work is the reason for their great fortunes. But for every ONE DOLLAR in safety net programs, SIX DOLLARS goes to tax expenditures, tax underpayments, tax havens, and corporate nonpayment. For many privileged Americans, denial is easier than facing the fact that the hardest workers are those who have to fight their way up from the bottom.

This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 3.0 License. Paul Buchheit is a college teacher, an active member of US Uncut Chicago. His latest book is, Disposable Americans: Extreme Capitalism and the Case for a Guaranteed Income. He is also founder and developer of social justice and educational websites: (UsAgainstGreed.org, PayUpNow.org, RappingHistory.org), and the editor and main author of "American Wars: Illusions and Realities" (Clarity Press). He can be reached at paul@UsAgainstGreed.org.

Don’t take Buchheit’s word on this….let’s all do our own homework. And if we find that the idea that people are poor because they are lazy is an unjustified stereotype, let’s help our family and friends to know and understand that.
One of the most prevalent misconceptions about the poor in America is that they are poor because they are lazy. This misconception is extremely instrumental in the perpetuation of biases and stigmas against the poor. Many people ignore the poor, justify their dislike of the poor, or view their poverty as deserved because they think that those in poverty could come into wealth if they just worked harder. This view, however, cannot account for the facts.

In 2008, 64% of those in poverty were unable to work due to being too young or too old, due to a disability of some kind, or because they simply could not find a job. In 2010, more than 10.6 million people in poverty were part of the “working poor” group, meaning that they were part of the labor force at least 27 weeks, and 2.6 million of them worked full-time and still remained under the poverty line.

Also, a large portion of the poverty population is constituted by the homeless, and in 2009 the NCH (National Coalition for the Homeless) reported that the homeless are often forced into such a situation: 50% of homeless women ran away from domestic violence, and over 67 thousand veterans were homeless due to physical or mental injuries from time in the service, and 40% of the homeless teen population is made up of homosexual or bisexual teens who had been run out of their homes.

Similarly, in 2010 4.1 million people aged 18-64 that lived below the poverty line reported having a disability of some kind. The underlying suggestion in all these statistics is that the homeless and those in poverty are in that state for a multitude of reasons that often have nothing to do with work ethic, laziness, or strength as a person.

Is this to say that there aren’t any lazy people in poverty? Of course not. There are lazy poor people just as there are lazy rich people, but when searching for causes of poverty there are many factors to explore such as economic instability, cultural discrimination, physical or mental disability, or familial problems.

Is this to say there is always an excuse for being poor? Of course not. But there is ample evidence to conclude that laziness plays a limited role in poverty in comparison to the multitude of other relevant factors at play.
Annual Lenten Fundraising for Missions

$8,385

has been raised to date in support of the missions of St. Luke’s for the next year.

Thank you for your generous support!

Camp Tuttle 2017 Summer Schedule

Please visit our website at www.camptuttle.org
Scholarships Available

June 18 - 21  Young Leaders Camp
July 9 - 14  5th/6th Grade Camp
July 23 - 28  High School Adventure Camp
June 25 - 28  3rd/4th Grade Mini Camp
July 16 - 21  7th/8th Grade Camp
Aug. 4 - 6  Family Camp

Camp Tuttle work and worship day!

Saturday, June 10th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Come join us for a day in the mountains working with friends to help get camp ready for our campers!

We will have a pig roast for lunch! After working together, we will enjoy a pig roast and fellowship in our beautiful outdoor chapel!

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share! Register at
www.camptuttle.org

Questions, please email camptuttle@episcopal-ut.org or call 801-322-4131

Camp Tuttle is located 13 miles up Big Cottonwood Canyon, behind the fire station.
“A Spring Sing”
A concert with
Park City Treble Makers
Women’s a cappella ensemble under the
Direction of Shelle Jennings

Sunday, June 4, 4:00 PM
Park City Community Church
4501 Hwy. 224, Park City

Admission is free. Donations for the
Community for Children’s Justice
will be gratefully accepted.

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A COURSE IN MIRACLES Join us in the St. Luke's Library each Wednesday at 4:00 to read and discuss this spiritual mind-training course. It is not necessary to have been attending in the past--you are welcome to come join this fun and lively group anytime. For more information, call or text Ann Fiery at 304-617-5714. Or you can visit www.acim.org

AUTUMN GOSPEL GROUP FOR WOMEN 50ish & UP: Autumn Gospel meets the fourth Saturday morning of each month from 10 to noon, in members' homes. We use books as a springboard to share and discuss our own spiritual journeys at this stage of our lives, and are currently reading "Autumn Gospel" by Kathleen Fischer. Please join us for coffee, fellowship and a lively discussion! For more info please call Ann Deyo, 435-615-7478 or Judy Hanley, 435-649-7607.

CONSIDERING JOINING THE ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY? JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH? Our rector would be delighted to make an appointment to meet with you. He will do his best to answer your questions and to help you to feel welcomed and included at St. Luke's. When you are ready to have a conversation, just let him know at either: pastor@stlukespc.org or 435-901-2131.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We meet Wednesday nights 6:30-8:00 PM in the Library. Our last study for the spring is Priscilla Shirer "The Armor of God" and runs until May 24. If you have questions, please contact Mary.Parsons@hsc.utah.edu

ST. LUKE’S CARE GUILD If you or someone you know has any requests or needs, please contact Katherine at katherinemartz@comcast.net or Harriet, harrietmstephens@gmail.com, (435)655-1888.

CENTERING PRAYER Meets Monday and Friday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Library. Please join us in this contemplative practice of Holy Silence.

WOMEN'S GATHERING: Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30. Please bring a dish or a drink to share. Hope to see you there.

MARKETING COMMITTEE is looking for a few additional people to join our team. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pamela Davey at pmdavey101@gmail.com or Ted Clayton at ted.p.clayton@gmail.com. Thank you.

TAI-CHI: Enrollment is closed for this round. If you have any questions, please email Bob at bob@journey4healthnow.com. The next round will be in late June.

HOSPITALITY GROUNDS COMMUNITY GARDEN: Spring is here, and if you’re wondering about gardening, you might consider a plot at Hospitality Grounds Community Garden on the other side of the St. Luke's parking lot. To learn more and to register, please visit www.HospitalityGrounds.com or email hospitalitygrounds@gmail.com. Garden areas are $25 each for a 4’ x 5’ raised bed plot. We also have a Facebook page you might be interested in taking a look at.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE: www.stlukesparkcity.org Newcomers will find info about our church and what to expect when they visit. In addition, there is information about all of our missions, finances and programs. You can view previous sermons through a link to You-Tube on your phone or home computer. Go to You Tube, then St Luke’s Episcopal Church Park City, UT.

SPRING CLEANING? As you clear out your closets and attics/garages this spring, please consider donating your unwanted items to the the St Luke's rummage table. 100% of the proceeds from the table go to support the St Luke's Mission fund and ministries (such as Hope Alliance and the Road Home). You can just leave any donated items under the rummage table or coat racks or to Beckie in the office at the main church. Donation receipts are available: please contact Beckie Raemer or Bonnie Brown. Thank you, and remember to check out the table for some great bargains.