

Candler School of Theology
Service of Word
Thursday, November 6, 2025

**Indicates where you are invited to please rise in body or spirit.*

Welcome

Rachal Little 21T
*Program Coordinator,
Office of Worship and Spiritual Formation*

Voluntary

Will Buthod
Director, Candler Voices of Imani

*Call to Worship

Diana Guzman Lugo
Student, Master of Divinity

Our God, we, your people,
stand ready and open to receive the flame of your Spirit,
hear your word, and worship you.
Come, Spirit of Truth, fill our hearts.

May we come with all we carry,
the joys, burdens, worries and grief,
willing to hand it all over to you, ready to receive your grace.
Come, Spirit of Life, change our hearts.

May we, who receive your light,
dwell together in Your love to form a community in Christ,
Come, Spirit of Love, soften our hearts.

May we worship you in this space this morning,
as members of the family of God,
Come, Spirit of Hope, reorient our hearts.

Spirit of the Living God,
fill our hearts, minds, and souls to overflowing.
Come, Spirit of God, move in our hearts. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn 89

*Opening Prayer

Julia Hernandez
Student, Master of Divinity

Song

Holy Spirit (You Are Welcome Here)
Please direct your attention to the screen for lyrics.

Rachal Little 21T
Will Buthod

Scripture Reading

Acts 8:4-24

You are invited to sing Hymn 393 as we move through the reading.

Jackie Rojas
Lillian Hibbard
Students, Master of Divinity

...⁹ Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great,

¹⁰ and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, “This man is rightly called the Great Power of God.”

Sermon

“When the Magic Turns Tragic”

Dr. Jonathan Calvillo
Associate Professor of Latinx Communities

Response Song

Spirit of the Living God

Hymn 393

Prayers of the People

Diana Guzman Lugo

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

*Closing Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

Hymn 156

*Benediction

Dr. Calvillo

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Additional Participants:

Liturgical Décor Coordinator: Lillian Hibbard

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Sources:

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