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## Workshop 2 - Unifying Devotions (Saturday, 1:00pm)

# Spirit: Blowing in the Wind

### 1. Sing Together – 1 minutes

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness NCH #286 (Chorus Only)

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

### 2. Read Poetry/Prayer Aloud – 1 minute

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Dandelions  
and  
there she  
goes; running  
wild and free  
like dandelions  
dancing and  
flying with  
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ee  
ze.

wild and free  
#wild #free #dandelions  
#dance #breeze

### Guide Me Into An Unclenched Moment

Gentle me,  
Holy One,  
into an unclenched moment,  
a deep breath,  
a letting go  
of heavy expectancies,  
of shriveling anxieties,  
of dead certainties,  
that, softened by the silence,  
surrounded by the light,  
and open to the mystery,  
I may be found by wholeness,  
upheld by the unfathomable,  
entranced by the simple,  
and filled with the joy  
that is you.

(prayer from *Guerillas of Grace* by Ted Loder)

<https://hellopoetry.com/words/dandelions/>

### 3. Write a Poem - 3 minutes (on dandelions, Renaissance Ministry, God's Spirit and/or breath)

## Haiku

Title \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (5 syllables)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (7 syllables)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (5 syllables)

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Line A: One vague or general one-word subject or topic

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Line B: Two vivid adjectives that describe the topic

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Line C: Three interesting -ing action verbs that fit the topic

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Line D: Four-word phrase that captures feeling about the topic

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Line E: A very specific term that explains Line A

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Here's an example:

*Insect*  
*Hidden, hungry*  
*Preening, searching, stalking*  
*Waits as if praying*  
*Mantis*

## 4. Preparation Prayer - 30 seconds

Leader: We have come, broken, battered, and lifeless. Our bones are dry and we have lost sight of who we are.

**Response: Breathe new life into us that we might live.**

We are dead and unaware of when our death occurred.

**Response: Breathe new life into us that we might live.**

We need your resurrection power to fall in our lives today.

**Response:**

**Breathe new life into our lives,**

**Breathe new life into our homes,**

**Breathe new life into our neighborhoods,**

**Breathe new life into our relationships,**

**Breathe new life into our church.**

We, like Ezekiel, Mary, and Martha, trust in your power to breathe new life into our dry bones and dead situations.

**All: We stand waiting for your life-giving spirit to fall upon us so that we might be revived, restored, and renewed; so that we might live resurrected lives with newness and vitality in new and transformative ways.**

We Have Come, Broken: A Call to Worship Based on Ezekiel 37:1-11  
by the Rev. Sharletta M. Green, One License # A-726522

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/we-have-come-broken-a-call-to-worship-based-on-ezekiel-371-11>