



**Pastor Patty's
Musical Menagerie**
(she's singing with animals!)

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is an online ministry of the West Stockbridge Congregational Church, UCC supported by the Berkshire Association of the United Church of Christ.

"Hi Friends! I launched this ministry to focus on the spiritual needs of children. Once a week I teach a song and share a lesson live on Facebook. Later in the week we visit online again to review the song.

The special twist is that I include an animal friend from the farm community where I live in each of the videos. Participants can request a special prayer card that has a picture of our animal friends as well as a written prayer for children everywhere.

I'm hoping that by sharing a love of music, and the abiding belief that God is with us through the good and the bad, we can help our children remember that they are deeply loved!"

Peace,
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And then the Spirit Steps in...

When we feel sad or mad or scared it can be hard to know how to pray. Big emotions can sometimes overwhelm us.

In this lesson, we think about quiet bunnies, and little kids, and how they have to find ways to communicate. Bunnies jump and wiggle their noses and thump their legs to express themselves. They make some sounds, but not very many. Little people giggle and yell and point at things when they are just learning how to talk.

Just like those bunnies, and little ones, we have to find ways to talk to God when words fail us.

The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit is ready to help us when this happens. She speaks for us when we can't find the words to express exactly what we're thinking or feeling.

Romans 8:26-27 says,

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.



The Spirit Steps In

Romans 8:26-27

Patty L. Fox, June 2020

$\text{♩} = 120$

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 120. The score consists of eight staves of music, each with a system number (8, 11, 21, 32, 38, 45, 52, 59) and a key signature indicator (F#). Chord symbols (D, A, G) are placed above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics describe the struggle of finding words to pray and the help provided by the Holy Spirit.

8 When we pray we speak to God, to tell God how we feel. But some-times we can't

11 find the words; can't find a way to heal. Some times we don't know how to pray don't

21 know ex-act-ly what to say, We struggle to communicate what's real-

32 . But then the Spir-it steps in, she know just how our lives have been she tells God all a-

38 bout our joys and wor-ries. Oh yes the Spir-it steps in, she un-der-stands just when we

45 need a lit-tle help to find our way! Oh yes the Spir-it steps in, she know just how our

52 lives have been, she tells God all a-bout our joys and wor-ries. Oh yes the Spir-it steps in, she

59 un-der-stands just when we need a lit-tle help to find our way..... to find our way!

An accompanying video for the song "The Spirit Steps In" can be found on YouTube at this link: [Pastor Patty's Musical Menagerie](#)

If you need to manually access the site, go to the YouTube channel for the West Stockbridge Congregational Church, UCC and choose the playlist for Pastor Patty's Musical Menagerie. All of the songs in this series can be found on this playlist.

