

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group

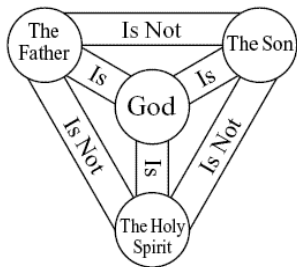


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“Life and Mystery” - #1 in the series **The Wild Goose: Exploring the Holy Spirit**

Texts (NLT): Genesis 1: 1-2; John 14: 15-17; John 3:8

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. Consider the following graphic depicting the Trinity, specifically the role of the Holy Spirit.



- What is your understanding of the work and role of the Holy Spirit?
 - How do you respond to the early Celtic Christians adopting a wild goose, rather than a dove, as the symbol of the Holy Spirit because of its passionate, noisy, and courageous nature?
3. **Read Genesis 1:1-2.**

“Spirit” is the Hebrew feminine word “ruach,” which means *breath or wind*, suggesting the Holy Spirit is a life-giver.

 - Why do you think some languages include gendered designations?
 - How do gendered languages—like Hebrew and Greek—limit our understanding of the Trinity's three “persons”?
 4. **Read John 14: 15-17.**
 - How does Jesus’ use of “Advocate” help you understand the role of the Holy Spirit?
 - Why might it be tough for “the world” to receive or recognize the Holy Spirit?
 5. **Read John 3:8.**
 - Is there a time when you were aware of the Holy Spirit's working in your life that was initially difficult to understand or even mysterious?
 - How can we learn to take comfort in the unpredictability of the Holy Spirit?
 6. How can we pray for you?