



Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021, 11am

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Pentecost Singing Service May 23 at 3pm
2. June worship each Sunday
3. Town Hall June 13

CALL TO WORSHIP

Do you hear it? **The sound of rushing wind beginning to fill this house?**
Do you see it? **The glowing tongues of fire reflected in each eye?**
Do you feel it? **God moving in this place, calling us to worship?**
The Spirit has come! The church is born! Come let us worship God!

HYMN OF PRAISE "Spirit, Spirit Of Gentleness" #291

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; And over the eons you called to each thing, "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."
Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill; then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still. And down in the city, you called once again when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.
Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams. Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.
Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.

CONFESSION

O God, as your Spirit gilled the church on the first Pentecost day, so fill this place with your presence, wherever we worship you—in homes, in kitchens or cars, in the small sanctuaries of our hearts—Welcome Holy Spirit, **fill us with your passion.**

You are doing a new thing today, actively moving through the world, answering cries for need in voices and words people can understand. Help us to speak your good news. Welcome Holy Spirit, **fill us with your passion.**

Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been written, forgive us when we act as if we know what comes next. Forgive us when we demand our own desires, rather than let your fire burn within us. Welcome Holy Spirit, **fill us with your passion.**

You hear the prayers of every language and call us to hear each other. Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit only spoke our native tongue. Wash us in your grace, O God, and illuminate us with your fire. Welcome Holy Spirit, **fill us with your passion.**

Send us out to follow your Spirit and teach us to hear the prayers of all your peoples. Hear our prayers in this moment.

HYMN OF FORGIVENESS “Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy my righteousness and freedom. My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his. Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine. Yet not I but through Christ in me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children of fire and wind and the God of fierce compassion, hear this good news: God offers forgiveness of sins and the grace of repentance. As you repent of your sin, accept God’s grace for you, and be restored to full life. In Christ you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

“Happy Birthday To The Church”

READING

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

“What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But 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.

¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷‘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.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

SERMON

Rev. Marie Mainard O’Connell

ANTHEM

“Spirit of the Living God” (ASL)

#288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me;
fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

OFFERTORY

“Apostle’s Creed”

Spoken by Virtual Choir

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. (*or universal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

With joy for the gift of the Holy Spirit, together, let us pray for the well-being of the church, the world, and all in need, saying, God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the wonder that erupted on the day of Pentecost, for the birth of the church, for the gifts of amazement and challenge, and for all the witnesses whose lives have been altered by your power alive in our world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the many peoples of this earth whose visions differ, whose languages offer special insights, whose ways of worship and compassion feed our own, we thank you. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth itself, for through creation we see your love and in whose winds we remember the coming of the Spirit, we thank you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make us grateful for the confounding experiences the Holy Spirit's presence creates in our lives, for the marvel of new visions, for the wisdom in prophetic words, and for the prayers of your great high priest. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make us hungry to protect the health and nurturance of all people; let your fire burn in the leaders of the nations, in governors and mayors, on city councils and school boards; guard the lives of peacemakers, soldiers, philosophers, and artists. Pool the skills and passion of all your people for the sake of our delight and the nourishment of others. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give comfort to all people who are refugees from war and famine, those who are lonely and frightened, ill imprisoned, homeless, or without work, and those who face death today. We pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud...

[A time of silence is kept.] God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Knowing it is your Holy Spirit who has flowed through your witnesses of ages past, we give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us, especially those who have died this last year. With them, we lift our voices as Jesus taught us, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

2021 Pentecost Offering Video

GIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS AND TITHES

We serve the Lord with freedom and we worship God with joy. In freedom and joy, let us present the offerings of our lives to the Lord. You may choose to give by mailing your offerings to the church, or giving online. Your gifts maintain our ministries, and make help to others possible. If you know of someone in need—physical, financial, emotional or spiritual...especially if it is yourself, please speak with our pastor or the elder for Congregational Care, Mary Henry.

Doxology "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" Video

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creations high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER

HYMN OF SENDING "Breathe on Me Breath of God" #286

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.
Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

PASSING THE PEACE

"May the Peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you."

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

"The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."

POSTLUDE