

Pentecost Sunday

June 5, 2022

Prelude

Welcoming

Lighting the Christ Candle

When we heard his voice, our hearts burned within us!

When the Spirit arrived – it came as bright flame!

Let this light be our Christ light.

A moment of Pentecost,

Carried without lives! Alleluia!

Call to Worship

Move among us, Spirit,

and gather us together with you.

Take our many selves—

our lives, our loves, our ideas,

our questions, our speech, our silence—

and unite us as your people.

Give us the gifts of perception and understanding,

so that even as we dream your dreams and see your visions,

we may be able to witness to your presence

in our common life. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit –

Breathe into our hearts the holy fire of change:

Sparks of resiliency, improvisation, innovation, and ingenuity.

See our talents flare with holy energy!

Give us wings of piping-hot courage.

Ignite our tongues with compassionate words in burning

confrontation and refusal of all evil.

Fill our souls with flames of inclusive love as we reach out to others,

enveloping us all in glowing coals of acceptance.

Then, grant us lasting embers of strength and faith to embrace the

new world of your creation. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

(Voices United 378)

Words: George Croly 1854, alt.; Music: Frederick C. Atkinson 1870

- 1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.
- 2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies,
but take the dimness of my soul away.
- 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength and mind?
I see your cross: there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek you and O let me find!
- 4 Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame,
the baptism of the heaven-descended dove,
my heart an altar and your love the flame.

Welcoming of New Members – Grace and Ron Childs

Statement of Purpose

Presentation

Commitment of New Members

Congregational Commitment

Welcome

Blessing

Scripture Readings

The Gospel: John 14:8-17

New Testament: Acts 2:1-21

Anthem

Reflection

Hymn of the Day: Breathe on Me Breath of God (Voices United 382)

Words: English, Edwin Hatch 1878; Music: Robert Jackson 1888

- 1 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.
- 2 Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine,
to do and to endure.
- 3 Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.
- 4 Breathe on me, breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Invitation to Offering

All that we have, all that we are, we offer now to you, O God.

Offering Prayer

We offer to you, Transforming Spirit, these gifts.

May the financial resources we bring become the sails that catch your wind, enabling you to fill our sails with your direction.

Bless us and all we give, dedicating these gifts to you, Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Visual Prayer: Spirit Wind

The Work of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Parting Hymn: Open My Eyes, That I May See (Voices United 371)

Words: Clara H. Scott 1895; Music: Clara H. Scott 1895

- 1 Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- 2 Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- 3 Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Benediction

As you leave this church, the breath of the Spirit goes with you,
enabling you to pay attention to the needs around you,
calling on you to use your talents wisely,
showing you the opportunities for friendship and sharing,
reminding you that forgiveness is possible,
and giving you the strength to face each new day with hope.
The breath of the Spirit goes with you;
Its inspiration will never leave you. Amen.

Postlude

Worship Leaders – Bill Cantelon and Nancy Walker

Music Leader – Lynn Dennis

Vocalists – Peggy Dayton, Lorne Holland,

Jo-Ann Hopkins and Alan Priestley

Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey

Greeters – Debbie Adkins and Grace Lindsay

Scripture Reading – Barbara Waldner

Technical Support – Rob Glenn and Bill Walker

Flowers for the service are offered by Stephen Godfrey.