

Pentecost  
May 28th, 2023

Welcoming and Announcements

Centering Music: She Comes Sailing on the Wind

*Gordon Light*

Candle Lighting

Spirit of Truth –

come as the flame of Christ's light among us,  
illuminating our hearts, our minds, our lives.

**Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Life!**

Spirit of Joy –

come like the wind, swirling among us;  
fill us with enthusiasm  
and energize us to do your work and your will.

**Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Joy!**

Spirit of Life –

come as the breath of life,  
pouring energy and power into our dry bones,  
rekindling all who are weary,  
that they may have life and know God.

**Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Life!**

Spirit of Hope –

come from the four winds,  
O breath, O restless searcher;  
breathe upon your people,  
that creation may be renewed with hope.

**Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Hope!**

Spirit of Love –

come as our Comforter and Consoler,  
that all who are broken or wounded may be healed,  
that all who grieve may be consoled  
by the power of your love and grace.

**Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Love!**

Spirit of Wisdom –

come as the light of understanding,  
that diversity in all its forms may be respected  
and may be understood as gifts to cherish.

**Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Wisdom!**

Spirit of Peace –

come as the winds of truth,  
that our hearts may be kindled  
by the passion for justice and peace.

**Thank you, God, for the Spirit of Peace!**

As we celebrate the birthday of the church  
on this day of Pentecost,  
may we – Jesus' followers in this time and place –  
use these gifts and all the gifts of the Spirit,  
to work for and serve the church and each other.

**Amen.**

Opening Hymn: **Come, O Holy Spirit** (More Voices 23)

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- 1 Come, O Holy Spirit,  
set the Church on fire;  
strike it as the lightning  
Hits a posing spire.  
Burn away the structures  
and consume the sham  
of our holy systems:  
Come, in Jesus' name!

*Refrain*      Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!  
Take our hearts by storm.  
All the world lies open:  
Pentecost is now!  
I said a Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!  
Take our hearts by storm.  
All the world lies open:  
Pentecost is now!

- 2 Blow away the cobwebs  
of our stubborn past.  
Come, send flying from us  
myths unfit to last.  
Wind of change, refresh us  
and disturb our calm;  
teach us what true love is,  
take our hearts by storm.

*Refrain*

- 3 Free us from the babble  
of our Babel mind;  
spark in us a language  
all can understand.  
Lighten then our darkness,  
come and show us how  
all the world lies open:  
Pentecost is now!

*Refrain*

## Opening Prayer

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### Hymn: **Holy Sacred Spirit** (More Voices 15)

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Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your breath on us.  
Holy sacred Spirit, breathe your life on us.      *Repeat*

## Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Reading (based on Acts 2:1-21)

When the day of the harvest festival called Pentecost arrived, those of us who were disciples of Jesus gathered together in one room. Suddenly, from the heavens, there came a sound like a wind rushing. It was a wild and furious wind.

**It rattled the windows and rattled the doors.**

The *wind* seemed to fill the entire house where we were gathered.

**It rattled the table and rattled the chairs.**

The wind swirled around us and unnerved us.

**It rattled our arms and rattled our legs.**

**It rattled our knees and rattled our elbows.**

**It rattled our heads and rattled our hearts.**

With the wind came dancing flames of *fire*.

**They danced on our arms and danced on our shoulders.**

Then the flames seemed to rest above each of our heads.

**They danced on our heads and danced in our hearts.**

The wild *wind ceased*,

and the peace of the Holy Spirit settled upon us.

**They danced on our heads and danced in our hearts.**

Each of us began to proclaim the Good News about Jesus Christ. Each of offered the Good News in a different language.

Each of shared in languages we had never known before –

**As the Spirit danced on our heads and danced in our hearts.**

Then we got up and left that house. We moved out into the streets to share the Good News. People gathered to listen and each one received the Good News in their own language. By the power of the Spirit, we danced the Good News for them.

**We danced with our voices and danced with our words.**

**We danced with our arms and danced with our legs.**

**We danced with our knees and danced with our elbows.**

**We danced with out heads and danced with our hearts.**

In the dancing and the sharing, in the wind and in the flame, the Good News about Jesus was proclaimed. After that day of Pentecost, we went out into the world to continue to share the Good News.

**And God's Spirit continues to dance in our heads and dance in our hearts, and dance in our arms and dance in our legs, and dance in our knees and dance in our dreams and dance in our lives.**

And so we sing!

Hymn: **Dance with the Spirit** (More Voices 156)

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1 Dance with the Spirit  
early in the morning,  
Walk with the Spirit  
throughout the long day,  
Work and hope  
for new life abornin'  
Listen to the spirit  
to show you the way.

2 Dance with the Spirit  
early in the morning,  
Move with the Spirit  
throughout the long day,  
Work and hope  
for new life abornin'  
Listen to the spirit  
to show you the way.

3 Dance with the Spirit  
early in the morning,  
Sing with the Spirit  
throughout the long day,  
Work and hope  
for new life abornin'  
Listen to the spirit  
to show you the way.

Reflection

Choir Anthem: Spirit Sing

*Words by Mary Martin, composed by Joseph Martin*

Invitation to the Offering

Choral Response: **Give Thanks** (please stand as you are able)  
*Henry Smith CCLI # 20235*

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks.

#### Offering Prayer

**These gifts are a powerful statement.  
We want to make a difference in our community.  
We want to make a difference in our world.  
Accept them and bless them, O God.  
Turn these gifts into practical actions for good. Amen.**

#### Joys and Concerns

#### Prayers For Ourselves and Others

Hymn: **Spirit of Life** (Voices United 381)

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Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

## **The Sacrament of Communion**

#### Invitation

Faith glows like coals within our hearts.  
At this table, Jesus blows on those coals.  
Together, gathered as one, we are God's blaze of joy.

**We come; we yearn; we hunger; we thirst.**

Join together at this table, Christ's table, for the invitation is for all who burn with Spirit fire, for all who wish to taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Wondering, wishing for wholeness, welcomed, we accept the invitation and join the fire.**

#### The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

**It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.**

We thank you God, for in the beginning  
you gathered up dust from the earth  
and breathed your breath into it,  
and it became a living being: us, your people.  
When we were lost and enslaved  
your pillar of fire led us to freedom through the wilderness.  
When we were defeated and lifeless  
your wind brought life to our dry bones.  
In our need you sent Jesus, conceived by the Holy Spirit.

So we give praise and thanks to you,  
with all Creation breathing together:

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are all who come in your name,  
and blessed is Jesus, your Christ,  
who taught and healed, who fed the hungry and included the  
outcast.

He breathed upon us his Spirit,  
renewing your Covenant to be with us always in love,  
and empowering us to love as he loved.

On the night in which he gave himself for us  
Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his  
disciples, saying:  
“Take and eat; this is my body broken for you. Whenever you  
eat it, do so in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup,  
blessed it with thanks and gave it to them, saying,  
“Drink of this, all of you. This is my blood,  
poured out for the healing of the world. Whenever you drink it,  
do so in remembrance of me.”

As long as we break this bread and share this cup  
we remember Jesus’ death and resurrection, until he comes  
again.

Therefore, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.  
Pour out your Spirit on us,  
that we may be for the world the Body of Christ,  
one in your grace and aflame with your love,  
for the sake of the world, in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

Breaking the Bread & Pouring the Cup

The body of Christ, broken for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All are welcome at this table.

*(Distribution of the Elements)*

Prayer After Communion

**Spirit of Life, flow through us.**

**Flame of Love, burn in us.**

**Holy Presence, shine in us.**

**May our whole lives be a song of praise for you,  
in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Parting Hymn: **Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth**

(Voices United 207)

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- 1 Spirit of God, unleashed on earth  
with rush of wind and roar of flame!  
With tongues of fire saints spread good news;  
earth, kindling, blazed its loud acclaim.
- 2 You came in power, the church was born;  
O Holy Spirit, come again!  
From living waters raise new saints,  
let new tongues hail the risen Lord.
- 3 With burning words of victory won  
inspire our hearts grown cold with fear,  
revive in us baptismal grace,  
and fan our smouldering lives to flame.

## Sending Forth

On fire with the Spirit,

**we will find enthusiasm.**

Encouraged by the Spirit,

**we will face our challenges.**

Supported by the Spirit,

**we will work to be God's hands in the world.**

Emboldened by the Spirit,

**we will do more than we could ever ask or imagine.**

## Benediction

### Postlude: Filled with the Spirit's Power

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