



Sunday, May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

Prelude *Light the Fire*

Bill Maxwell

Tapestry

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Call to Worship

Jon Hawkinson, Tim McLoughlin, Jeff Tiboudeau

One: On that first Pentecost, God Spirit transformed the lives of the disciples and changed the world. As we gather, we pray for that same Spirit to be poured out on us.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: The Holy Spirit is a fire, consuming our selfishness, our hatred, and our indifference – filling our lives with new life and the light of God.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Filled with the Holy Spirit, our lives bear fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control. Like the beacon of a lighthouse, may the fruit of the Spirit shine in our lives.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: The Holy Spirit never leaves us where we are – we are sent by the Spirit out into the world to be the salt of the earth, to show God's love to all people, to bring God's Spirit of joy to the world.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Gracious God, pour your Spirit into our hearts, that we would worship today with all our hearts, that our lives would be transformed by your power, and that we would carry your presence from this place into all the world.

All: In the unity of the Holy Spirit, we offer our worship and our lives. Come, Holy Spirit!

Hymn *Spirit of God*

The Faith We Sing #2117

led by Emma Rustan, Michael Goodlet and Velda Graham Bell

1. *Spirit of God, bright Wind,
breath that bids life begin,
blow as you always do;
create us anew.*

*Give us the breath to sing,
lifted on soaring wing,
held in your hands,
borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!*

2. *Spirit of God, bright Dove,
grant us your peace and love,
healing upon your wings
for all living things.*

*For when we live your peace,
captives will find release,
held in your hands,
borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!*

3. *Spirit of God, bright Hands,
even in far off lands
you hold all the human race
in one warm embrace.*

*No matter where we go,
you hold us together so,
held in your hands,
borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!*

4. *Spirit of God, bright Flame,
send us in your holy name,
the power to heal, to share
your love everywhere.*

*We cannot fail or fall,
or know defeat at all,
held in your hands,
borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!*

5. Spirit of God in all,
we gladly hear your call,
the life in our hands that sings,
the power of your wings.
Born of your grace we rise,

love shining in our eyes,
held in your hands,
borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Morning Prayer
Concerns and Celebrations

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Jesus' Prayer - contemporary paraphrase by Mark Berry
O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your Presence here. Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults. Help us not forget our Source, yet free us from not being in the present. From you arises every vision, power and song from gathering to gathering. May our future actions grow from here! Amen!

Prayer Song *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

UM Hymnal #500, v. 1

led by Ann Gumper, Kelby Werner, Mary Whitlock, Tom Wiig

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.*

Children's Message

Jojo Coffin- Langdon

Scripture Reading

Geoff Bell and Brandon Veale

The Story of Pentecost: Portions of Acts 2:1-21

One: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

All: **Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.**

One: Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? In our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All: **All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."**

One: But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "This is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'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...

All: **Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'**



Anthem *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

James Manley

Emma Rustan, vocalist

Sermon *Un-Limit Yourself: How to Handle Challenging Times #4* Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Pastor Jeanine Alexander

Hymn *This is a Day of New Beginnings*

UM Hymnal #383, v. 1-4
led by Ann Gumper, Kelby Werner, Mary Whitlock, Tom Wiig

1. *This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

2. *For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.*

3. *Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.*

4. *Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.*

Benediction

Pastor Cynthia Coffin-Langdon

Postlude *Fugue in C Major, BWV 547*

Velda Graham Bell, organ

J.S. Bach



Announcements

In-person worship will begin Sunday, May 30. The services will be livestreamed if you still want to worship from home.

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