

Sunday May 31, 2020

Day of Pentecost

WELCOME

VU = Voices United Hymn Book

THE GATHERING

Prelude: Come, Ye Disconsolate arr. from S. Webbe

Call to Worship:

The Spirit of God moves among us,
binding us in covenant with faithful people
of every time and place.

**The Spirit stirs within us,
moving us to proclaim the gospel to all people.**

The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of God's love.

**As we gather to worship,
we open ourselves to the spirit of the living God
made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen**

Opening Hymn: VU 196, Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow (1)

Wind who makes all winds that blow,
gusts that bend the saplings low,
gales that heave the sea in waves,
stirrings in the mind's deep caves,
aim your breath with steady power on your church this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we've lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn, suns around which planets turn,
beacons marking reefs and shoals, shining truth to guide our souls,
come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sacred flame!
Light and Power, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, move within our mortal frame.
Make our hearts an altar pyre, kindle them with your own fire.
Breathe and blow upon that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways,
speak that tongue which every land by your grace shall understand.

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Prayer of Approach:

**God, Holy Spirit, come to us, come among us;
come as the wind and cleanse;
come as the fire, and burn;
come as the dew and refresh:
convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives
to our great good and to your greater glory. Amen.**

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reading: Linda Westendorp

Acts 2:1-4

¹ *When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.*

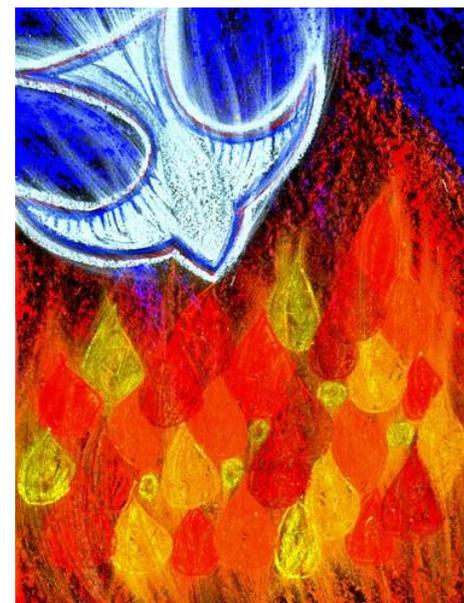
² *And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.*

³ *Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.*

⁴ *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God



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Scripture Reading: Linda Westendorp

1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 13

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.

² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak.

³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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Ministry of Music: But the Lord is Mindful of His Own

Mendelssohn

Reflection: Rev. Cordelia Karpenko

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Time of Offering

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer: Spoken

SENDING FORTH

Closing Hymn: VU 663, My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine.

Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away.

O let me from this day be wholly thine.

While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide,
bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude: My Redeemer

J. McGranahan

¹ Words: Thomas H. Troeger 1983 Used by permission of Oxford University Press, Inc.

Music: Joseph Parry.

² Words: Ray Palmer. Music: Lowell Mason.

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We gather to experience, show and share the difference
God's love in Christ makes in our lives.

We strive to be a people growing spiritually,
while reaching out to others in response to Jesus Christ.

