



DAY OF PENTECOST - MAY 31, 2020

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD



OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Leader: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit, Come to Us, Taize Ecumenical Community

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: The wind of God, the breath of Life.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: Our Advocate, our Counselor.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

People: Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit.

People: May we feel God breathing through our worship. May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place.

HYMN 279

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove, St. Agnes

1 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love
in these cold hearts of ours.

3 Dear Lord, and shall we ever live
at this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to thee,
and thine to us so great!

2 In vain we tune our formal songs;
in vain we strive to rise;
hosannas languish on our tongues,
and our devotion dies.

4 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love,
and that shall kindle ours.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We confess to you, Renewing Spirit, that we confuse unity with uniformity, and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means assimilating others to our way of living. We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person. We long to change these patterns, O Creator, but we do not know how. Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. And empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love (continue with silent confession). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one.

People: **We are no longer scattered or divided, but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth. Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

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. 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.

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? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, 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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

SERMON

Weavers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns,
Pastoral Prayer,
The Lord's Prayer

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN 317

In Christ There Is No East or West, McKee

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north,
But one great fam'ly bound by love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind.

3 Join hands, disciples in the faith,
Whate'er your race may be!
Who serve each other in Christ's love
Are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
In him meet south and north,
All Christly souls are one in him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit, African American Spiritual



Above is our beautiful new Pentecost wall hanging that is currently in the sanctuary. A big THANK YOU to all of those who lovingly made it: Dorothy Blotz, Sandy Curran, Juanita Halls, Karen Hansen, Andrea Kenny, Ann Rowley and special thanks to John Tarr for hanging it.

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