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PENTECOST SUNDAY + JUNE 5, 2022

Welcome to Our Guests!

We're delighted you have joined us for worship; the members are the ministers of this church...
if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us!

Playing the Chimes and Prelude

Greeting and Welcome

Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, be with us in this time of worship.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, inspire us to live the love and justice of Jesus.

Opening Hymn

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

CH245

Confessing our Brokenness and Opening Prayer

The book of Acts tells us that on the day of Pentecost, the Spirit of God gave people the ability to understand one another even though they spoke in different languages. And Peter, wanting to help people make sense of this, quotes the prophet Joel who says that God will pour out God's spirit on everyone, and that our sons and daughters will prophesy, that the young will see visions and that the old will dream dreams.

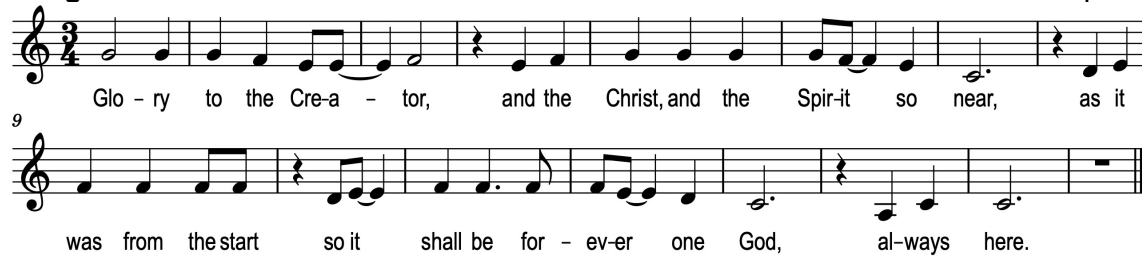
When in this past week have we failed to listen to those who are different from us?
How have we failed to dream and give voice to God's world-a world of understanding and love?

Come, Holy Spirit, Come! Descend on us, we pray, and open our hearts to your Spirit blowing among us. Empower us to be a community of love, understanding and forgiveness that we may be prophets and dreamers who live in the way of Jesus.

Song of Praise

Gloria

Christopher Grundy



Christian 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.'

Psalter

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

Taize



O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,

Creeping things innumerable are there,

living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

When you give to them, they gather it up;

When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

When you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

And you renew the face of the ground. (response)

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

May the Lord rejoice in his works—

Who looks on the earth and it trembles,

Who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord! (response)

Christian Scripture

Romans 8: 14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reflection

Rev. Dr. Denise Esslinger

Musical Call to Prayer

Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

Ken Medema

9 Lord, li-sten to your chi - ldren pray - ing. Lord, send your Spi-rit in this place.

Lord, lis-ten to your chi - ldren pray - ing. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

Please pray the Prayer of Jesus in whatever language is most comfortable for you.

The following are offered as examples...

Our Father/Mother/Creator,
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts/sins/trespasses,
as we forgive our debtors/those who sin/trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Hymn

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be low; Praise

5 God for all that love has done: Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi - rit, One. A - men!

Prayer of Dedication

May your Spirit inspire us towards generosity and fire us with an energy to serve you. Bless these gifts and our lives in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

God is with you.

And also with you.

Open up your hearts.

We open them up to God and one another.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Musical Response

Santo Santo Santo

Traditional Argentine

San - to, san - to, san - to. Mi co - ra - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My

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co - ra - zon te sa - be de-cir: San - to eres, Se - nor!
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

Sharing the Bread and Cup

All are welcome at Christ's table; we offer non-alcoholic juice and gluten-free bread.

Hymn

O Breath of Life

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Benediction

The Spirit of God is with us!

Giving us strength, courage and hope.

The Spirit of God goes with us!

Empowering us to love and serve others.