



Pentecost Sunday
Order of Worship
May 23, 2021

Welcome

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Greeting

James London

Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence,
for God has done wondrous things for us!
Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully
serve you in all that we do,
for Christ has called each of us and blessed us!
Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.
Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen!

Opening Hymn

Holy Spirit

Mike Bannach, Lisa Gibbs-Smith, Laura Lewis

Opening Prayer

Liesl Arends

Spirit of God, come among us on this Pentecost Day.
Make this day a re-birth-day for Your people.
Make us passionate in our faith,
strong in our commitment,
courageous beyond our imagining,
and willing to love, and keep on loving, without reservation, we pray.
Amen.

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

Jon Larimore

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

A Wild Goose Chase

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Offering Prayer

Liesl Arends

Holy Spirit, come upon us. We feel your joy and delight as we celebrate this glorious day. With a sense of happiness and gratitude, we eagerly offer you these financial gifts for your ministry in this community and beyond. May all who call upon your name be saved from selfishness and filled with God-honoring habits of generous giving. All praise and glory be unto you. Amen.

Special Music

Come, Breath of God

Michael Ryan

Chapel Bells

Prayer

Jon Larimore

Loving God,

We seek the gift of your Holy Spirit

to help us pray as we ought.

Holy Spirit: Help us.

We seek the energy and vision of your Spirit

for those who are firing in the battle against injustice and oppression:

for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty and hunger.

Holy Spirit: Help us.

We seek the hope and comfort of your Spirit

for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain;

for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement.

Holy Spirit: Help us.

We seek the mercy & grace of your Spirit for those in our world struggling

desperately with Coronavirus;

for those ministering to their needs;

for those who seek to bring renewal and hope to weary lands.

Holy Spirit: Help us.

We seek the peace and joy of your Spirit

for those living in the shadow of war and violence;

for those eaten up by guilt and anxiety

and whose Christian life has become hard and dry.

Holy Spirit: Help us.

We seek the guidance and strength of your Spirit
for those uncertain how to use their time, talents and gifts;
for those tempted to do what is wrong.

Holy Spirit: Help us.

We seek the love and courage of your Spirit
for those reaching out to comfort the distressed;
for those reaching out to others with the Good News of Christ.

Holy Spirit: Help us.

Loving God,

We seek the assurance of your Spirit
to know your presence with us in our daily lives:
in our relationships;
in our work and service;
in our worship;
in our times of joy and pain.

Holy Spirit: Help us.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Hymn

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

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Benediction

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Postlude

Tuba Tune

Lang

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