

A Service for the Worship of God

Pentecost

May 31, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

PREPARATION

- *Please set out a candle that you can light as we light the Christ Candle during worship.*
- *You might want to wear something red!*

Gathering Around God's Word

Prelude

Steven Estep

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Laura Nile

Call to Worship

One: God's Spirit has been poured out upon us.

All: The Spirit rests upon us like flames of fire,

One: that we may be light in the world's darkness

All: and warmth in the world's coldness.

One: The Spirit blows through us like a mighty wind,

All: refreshing us in love, renewing us in strength, and leading us to serve.

One: The gift of the Spirit has been given to us.

All: Let us worship God in joy!

Ruth Whatley

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Opening Acclamation

One: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

All: Come into our hearts today!

Prayer of Adoration and Praise *(In Unison)*

God of Pentecost, we are grateful that your Spirit moved among the first disciples; among all the faithful who have followed you through the years; and among us, as we feel the stirrings of faith and respond in love for you and for our neighbors. We are amazed that you would choose to work through us to proclaim your Gospel. May the winds of holy passion blow through this church and in our hearts, inspiring us to dream new dreams and see new visions. We thank you that your love and forgiveness abound. Your Spirit is still in motion! Grant us the courage to follow where you choose to lead us. Amen.

Response to Prayer

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” *Hymn # 66, sing refrain twice*

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.**

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 104 *selected verses (Refrain by David Haas)*

(The soloist will sing the refrain, and then those at home can sing it a second time with her.)

Verses will be read together, followed by everyone singing the refrain where indicated by “R.”



How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made all of life.
 The earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious,
 teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small. **R**

All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
 When you give it to them, they gather it up;
 when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.
 When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
 May my thoughts and my deeds be pleasing to God. I find my joy in the Lord! **R**

Children’s Time

Rev. Laura Nile

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Pastors Birdsong and Nile

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.

Anthem

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”
Ruth Whatley, soloist

James K. Manley

Sermon

“Not on the Guest List”

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

*At the end of the sermon, the soloist will sing “Spirit of the Living God” once.
Then, you are invited to join her in singing it again.*

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

*Profession of Faith

(Adapted from A Brief Confession of Faith)

In life and death, we belong to God. We trust in one God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the powers of sin and evil, delivering us from death to eternal life.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The spirit justifies us by grace through faith, and sets us free to accept ourselves, and to love God and neighbor. In gratitude to God we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, Come Lord Jesus!

Responding to God’s Word

Hymn # 286

“Breathe on Me Breath of God”

omit verse 4

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Presentation of Offerings

If you would like to give online, please go to www.sminster.com/give where you can give once or set-up a reoccurring monthly offering to the church.

***Presentation Hymn # 582** “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” *verse 1 only*

Soloist will sing it once. Congregation will join her to sing the 1st verse a second time.

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be Amen.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Rev. Laura Nile

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father 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, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn # 292

“As the Wind Song”

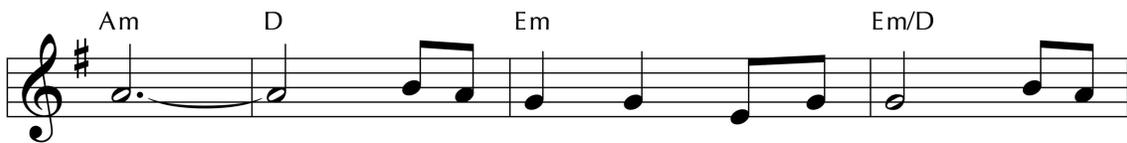
Please sing along to the hymn on the next page.



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the
 1 風 之 頌, 林 中 吹 送, 輕 風 之
 2 彩 之 虹, 雨 後 高 懸, 生 之



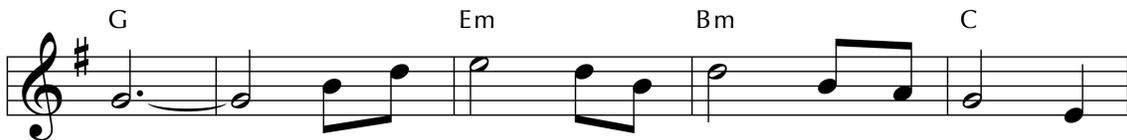
stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of
 hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of
 送, 心 中 振 動, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹
 盼, 人 間 再 現, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹



God, as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the
 God, as the green in the spring, as a
 送; 心 溫 暖, 奇 異 難 明, 風 浪
 送; 春 天 裡, 青 山 綠 水, 線 上



voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of
 kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of
 中, 靜 聽 主 聲, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹
 繫 飛 揚 風 箏, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹



God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
 God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing power to the world,
true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,
蹤, 給 世 人 賜 生 命 加 力 量;
現, 給 世 人 帶 來 愛 和 禮 物;



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the
火 之 舌, 跳 動 飛 舞, 心 深 處, 朝 思 暮
麵 之 酵, 悄 然 膨 升, 盛 宴 上, 醇 香 美



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

Benediction

Postlude