

Pentecost Sunday – May 23rd, 2021; 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Kingdom Affect
Directed by Amy Adkins

Greeting (Acts 2:1-4)

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples 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.

Thanks be to the God the Holy Spirit, who brings us together and holds us together as one body in Christian love. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

TFWS 2120

An Invitation to the Holy Spirit

Great God, Holy Spirit, come to us, and among us;

Come as the wind, and cleanse us;

Come as the fire, and burn in our hearts with a passionate love;

Come as the dew, and refresh us.

Convict, convert, and consecrate your people to our great good and your greater glory;

This we ask in the name of Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith (Video)

The Apostles' Creed

Confirmation Class 2021

Sacrament of Baptism

Jillian Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Steven & Catherine Jones

Hymn Response

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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Moment for Ministry (Video)

Meet the Confirmands

Confirmation Class 2021

Daniella Abraham

Paris Abraham

Jackson Herr

Hailey Jackson

Isabella Leon

Lia Lucas

Mikayla McJilton

Lilly Smeltzer

Prayer to the Holy Spirit (Native American Tradition)

O Great Spirit, whose voice we hear in the wind and whose breath gives life to all the world – Hear us; we need your strength and wisdom.

Let us walk in beauty, and make our eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.

Make our hands respect the things you have made and our ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make us wise so that we may understand the things you have taught us.

Help us to remain calm and strong in the face of all that comes towards us.

Let us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Help us seek pure thoughts and act with the intention of helping others.

Help us find compassion without empathy overwhelming us.

We seek strength, not to be greater than our sisters and brothers, but to fight our greatest enemy, ourselves.
Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes.
So when life fades, as the fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame.
Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession, Help & Deliverance

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Glory to God. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Lia Lucas

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Sermon

"Feasting on Grace"

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Special Music

Kingdom Affect

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Spirit of God

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Benediction

Thank you for your continued faithfulness to God through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness.

Love as Jesus Loves!



Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea.**

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. **Refrain**

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. **Refrain**

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. **Refrain**

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. **Refrain**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that
we have been revived when we shall leave this place.**

Spirit of God

Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,
blow as you always do; create us anew.
give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.

Alleluia! Come Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and love,
healing upon your wings for all living things.
for when we live your peace, captives will find release,
held in your hands, borne on your wings. **Refrain**

Spirit of God, bright Hands, even in far off lands
you hold all the human race in one warm embrace.
No matter where we go, you hold us together so,
held in your hands, borne on your wings. **Refrain**

Spirit of God bright Flame, send us in your holy name,
the power to heal, to share your love everywhere.
We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all,
held in your hands, borne on your wings. **Refrain**

Spirit of God in all, we gladly hear your call,
The life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings.
Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings. **Refrain**