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Pentecost - 1597
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Online Worship Resource (Sunday, May 28, 2023)
Day of Pentecost

BOLD TYPE IS SPOKEN BY THE CONGREGATION

*Flowers given to the glory of God by Claride Mayo
in honor of the birthday of her son Stefen Walters.*

Prelude VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS~ Come Creator Spirit arr. H. Hopson
4th century plainsong
“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in
other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”
Acts 2:3
Jane Kerr, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

JG Lumpkins, Duty Elder

Call to Worship

Ernest Amankwah, Liturgist

Please stand as you are led and join me in our responsive Call to Worship:

We cannot say Jesus is Lord

Except by the Holy Spirit

We all have a variety of gifts

But the same spirit

We can each participate in the common good

Only because of the Holy Spirit

We are one body

With many members

With the Spirit

We were baptized

We are one body gathered for worship

We are one body gathered for worship.

Hymn #280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.

Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;
For tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;
Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: What mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

Call to Confession

(Liturgist)

We gather together as the church, and together as the church let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Holy Spirit come to us. Come to us who call ourselves the church but forgot who we serve. Holy Spirit come to us and convict us about how we have both in the past and present allowed and even preferred division instead of unity. Holy Spirit come to us who through our words and actions we have given the world a reason to doubt and reject you. And now in our silent confessions Holy Spirit come to us.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

(Pastor)

Rejoice Church! For the same spirit that convicts us also comforts! Be comforted that in the spirit there is the truth of Jesus. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Response: #288 Spirit of the Living God

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.

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Special Music

Remembering those who gave their lives in service.

AMERICA

Rachel Jelsma

Time with Children

Rev. Whitney Fauntleroy

Prayer for Illumination

(Liturgist)

Let us prepare our hearts to hear God's Word by praying together the prayer for Illumination:

Spirit fall afresh on us. Melt us with the grace of your Word. Mold us by the truth of your Word. Fill us with the power of your Word. Spirit fall afresh on these scriptures read and proclaimed today. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

NT p. 119

(Liturgist)

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 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. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' 13 But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

14 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. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17 "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. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Together Again!

Rev. Whitney Fauntleroy

Hymn #291, vs. 1,3,4 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

(REFRAIN)

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,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

(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)

Call to Offering

(Liturgist)

In generosity and as a response to the living God, let us now receive our offering.

Offertory

(Liturgist)

Please remain seated as collection plates are passed and join in singing.

Offertory #288 Spirit of the Living God

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Prayer of Dedication

Please join me in the Prayer of Dedication

God, you said that the children will prophesy, the old shall dream and the young shall see visions. Pour out your spirit on these gifts and let it be so. Amen

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 #2117 v 1,4,5 Spirit of God

Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin,
Blow as you always do; create us anew.
Give us breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing
Held in your hands, born on our wings.

(REFRAIN)

Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come!
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come!

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, born on our 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, born on our wings.

(REFRAIN)

Benediction

Postlude Eternal Father Strong to Save John B. Dykes; arr. T. Chesterton

In The Pulpit Today:

My name is **Whitney Fautleroy**. When you ask someone where they are from, I think it can be a trick question. I call the Triangle (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill North Carolina) home because I have lived or worked in all three cities. I am from the triangle, I live in Arlington Virginia. Home and all its many definitions mean a lot to me. Learn a lot about me by the seekers that I frequent which states: My brain is 90% song lyrics.

Today's Worship Participants:

Rev. Whitney Fautleroy, Guest Preacher; Jane Kerr, organist, Ernest Amankwah, Liturgist; Rachel Jelsma, Trumpet; Jonathan Jelsma, Technology Team; JG Lumplins, Duty Elder; Rachel Jelsma & Amanda Fahrig, Sunday School Teachers.