

Sunday May 31st, 2020

Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Call upon God's holy name.

All: For in calling, we are saved.

One: Listen for the wind of the Spirit.

All: For in listening, we find new life.

One: Respond to the promises of Christ.

All: For in responding, we bring hope to our world.

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU 378 "Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

Spirit of Pentecost, blow open the doors of our closed up hearts. Set our tongues free to proclaim your praise. Bless young people with visions and our elders with dreams. Renew the faith of your people throughout the world. Blow into our lives once more, Holy One, and help us find the strength and courage to become the people you call us to be. Amen.

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 367 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

Gospel Reading: John 7: 37-39

Scripture Reading: Acts 2: 1-18

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

Spirit of wind and flame, blow open the doors we erect to keep ourselves sealed off from your world. We long to be set free from the fears that jail us and to be released from chains that bind us. We yearn to draw near to your source of living water, and to drink deeply from its well. We want to be cleansed in your holy fire, and to be driven into the streets by your winds of grace. Come to us, and heal us once more, Mighty Spirit, that we may embrace your gifts in service to a world in need. Amen.

Time of Reflection

Words of Assurance

One: When God breathes the Holy Spirit into our lives, the earth is renewed.

All: When God blesses us with gifts of this same Spirit, we too are renewed and made whole. God's steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

Anthem: Keith and Kristyn Getty: "Gabriel's Oboe/Holy Spirit"

Message: Babel fish and The Illuminati

Hymn: VU 332 "The Church's One Foundation"

The Offering

***We give thee but thine own,
What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O God, from thee.***

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU - "Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid"

The Blessing and Benediction

***Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of every day;
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above!
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.***

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Postlude: Fountainview Academy – "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"