

# Celebration of Worship to Our God Pentecost

May 20, 2018

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

## Thought for Contemplation

**“The Holy Spirit comes in wind and fire  
with the power to convict and strengthen.”**

*“Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love. Then for a second time in the history of the world, we will have discovered fire.*

*Teilhard de Chardin*

## God Invites Us to Worship

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE

*Alleluyas*

Preston

## We Offer Praise

WORDS IN PREPARATION *Acts 1:1-14a, 46-47*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: The Spirit of God is in this place, swirling among us all.

**All: Let us be open to the power of the Spirit.**

Leader: The Spirit of God comforts those in need of consolation and challenges those in need of interruption!

**All: Let us be open to the power of the Spirit.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit of God inspires us to love and serve the Lord with boldness in our worship as we gather and as we later go out to serve God’s purpose and mission in the world, loving one another and every neighbor both near and far away.

**All: Let us be open to the power of the Spirit.**

THE STILLING

PRAYER OF ADORATION

\* Please stand, if you are able.

\* SONG OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Insert

*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

\* GOD’S BLESSING ON OUR WORSHIP

## God Speaks with a Heart of Love through the Word

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message

*Sharing the Power*

Prayer

*(Children and Youth are dismissed for Sunday School.)*

SUNG PRAYER FOR GOD’S SPIRIT TO MOVE AMONG US

Spirit of the living God, fall FRESH on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall FRESH on me.

Melt me, change me, fill me, embolden me.

Spirit of the living God, fall FRESH on me.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 61:1-3*

CEB

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL *John 14:19-20*

CEB

EPISTLE LESSON *Acts 15:1-19, 28-29, 35*

CEB

SERMON *The Spirit is poured out and change is in the wind!*

Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

## God Speaks with a Heart of Love through the Sacrament

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the Good News of your love, or live as people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with the flaming desire to be your faithful people, on fire for you, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (responsively)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

### INVITATION

### WE SHARE THE FEAST OF THE LORD

## We Respond in Dedication

### LITANY OF PENTECOST

Leader: . . . we pray,

**People: Come, Holy Spirit.**

### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

arr. Scott

Chancel Choir

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me; I would gracious be.  
Help me now thy grace to see; I would be like thee.  
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal,  
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me; I would truthful be.  
Help me now thy truth to see; I would be like thee.  
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear,  
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me; I would holy be.  
Show thy mercy tenderly; make me more like thee.  
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me; I would mighty be.  
Help me now thy power to see; I would be like thee.  
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield.  
Let thy word my weapon be; Lord, Thine the victory.  
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me; I would be like thee.

### YELLOW ROSE DEDICATION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

\* HYMN                    *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow*                    # 131

## God Sends Us Out to Serve

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* CHARGE

Leader: God has sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. God promises to look upon the Church and open our hearts by the power of that very same Spirit.

**People: Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom. We go in faith and in the name of Jesus Christ who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.**

\* GOD'S BLESSING AS WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\* DOXOLOGY ( 592)

\* POSTLUDE

*Allegro Maestoso*

Handel

\* PRAYER UNDER THE CROSS