



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 31, 2020

Day of Pentecost

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

The Prelude

Come, Creator Spirit

Johann Pachelbel

The Introit

A mighty sound from heaven at Pentecost there came,
and filled the place of meeting with rushing wind and flame:
what Christ had promised now occurred
as each Apostle spoke the word
 beneath the Spirit's thunder.
and to the ears of all who heard
 proclaimed salvation's wonder.

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The Call to Worship

Leader: Listen, can you hear the wind?

People: Come, Holy Spirit; come!

Leader: Look, can you see the dancing flames?

People: Come, Holy Spirit; come!

Leader: Can you hear the message in a language you can understand?

People: Come, Holy Spirit; come!

Leader: Do you see the visions? Can you dream the dreams?

People: Come, Holy Spirit; come!

All: Come let Pentecost become real in our lives this morning. Come and worship our God who sends the Spirit to touch us and transform us into Pentecost people.

The Hymn No. 2077

You Alone Are Holy

QUERÉTARO

1. You alone are holy;
you alone are worthy;
you are filled with splendor
and with awesome wonder.
For our sins you suffered,
died and resurrected,
granting us salvation,
giving us eternal life.

2. You alone are holy;
you alone are worthy;
filled with awesome splendor
and with awesome wonder.
Send your Holy Spirit;
may it shine upon us.
Let your wondrous glory
with its radiance fill this place.

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The Opening Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Spirit of God, we long to be open to your presence in our church
and in our lives. Fill us with your wind and fire,
that we might be enlivened again.**

**Help us hear the words as if for the first time,
that they might touch us anew.**

**Give us visions and dreams of what you long for in your creation,
that we might begin to live them into reality.**

**Come, Spirit; come into our worship, into our church,
into our very selves. Amen.**

The First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter pages 826-827 with response

Psalms 104:1-13, 24-35

[The first response will be sung by the choir and then by everyone. All other responses will be sung by everyone.]

Response:

Joachim Neander
trans. by Catherine Winkworth, alt.
Erneuerten Gesangbuch
harm. by William Sterndale Bennett



Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who rules all cre - a - tion.

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with honor and majesty
- 2 and cover yourself with light as with a garment;
you have stretched out the heavens like a tent,
- 3 **and have laid the beams of your chambers on the
waters;**
you make the clouds your chariot,
and ride on the wings of the wind;
- 4 **you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.**
- 5 You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it should never be shaken.
- 6 **You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.**
- 7 At your rebuke they fled;
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.
- 8 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys,
to the place which you appointed for them.
- 9 **You set a bound which they should not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.**

Response

- 10 You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills;
11 **they give drink to every beast of the field;
the wild asses quench their thirst.**
12 Above the springs the birds of the air have their nests;
they sing among the branches.
13 **From your lofty place you water the mountains;
with the fruit of your work the earth is satisfied.**

Response

- 24 O Lord, how manifold are your works!
**In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**
25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
**creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**
26 There go the ships,
and Leviathan whom you formed to play in it.
27 **These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.**
28 When you give to them, they gather it;
**when you open your hand, they are filled with good
things.**
29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
**when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**
30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.
31 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever,
may the Lord rejoice in his works,
32 **who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!**
33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
34 May my meditation by pleasing to the Lord
in whom I rejoice.
35 **Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more!**
Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Praise the Lord!

Response

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Hymn No. 2246

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

KINGSFOLD

1. Deep in the shadows of the past,
far out from settled lands,
some nomads traveled with their God
across the desert sands.
The dawning hope of humankind
by them was sensed and shown;
a promise calling them ahead,
a future yet unknown.
2. While others bowed to changeless gods
they met a mystery,
invisible, without a name:
"I AM WHAT I WILL BE";
and by their tents, around their fires,
in story, song and law,
they praised, remembered, handed on
a past that promised more.
3. From Exodus to Pentecost
the promise changed and grew,
while some, remembering the past,
recorded what they knew,
or with their letters and laments,
their prophecy and praise
recovered, kindled and expressed
new hope for changing days.
4. For all the writings that survived,
for leaders, long ago,
who sifted, copied and preserved
the Bible that we know,
give thanks, and find its story yet
our promise, strength and call,
the model of emerging faith,
alive with hope for all.

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Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

People:



The Gospel Lesson

John 7:37-39

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People:



The Sermon

God Still Speaks

Dr. Matthew D. Bates

The Affirmation of Faith No. 885

A Modern Affirmation

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**People: We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.
We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen**

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Anthem

Come, Holy Ghost
Emily Downey, soprano

Eric Thiman

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of Thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where Thou art Guide no ill can come,.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee, of Both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song,

Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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The Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer
The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Hymn No. 2241

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

LAND OF REST

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| 1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus name
to bring glad tidings to the poor
God's favor to proclaim. | 3. We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our day, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed. |
| 2. We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see. | 4. Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name. |

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The Benediction

The Choral Response

Now let all Christian people keep festival today,
for God the Holy Spirit dwells with the Church always;
and grieve him not, O Christian soul,
his grace within shall make you whole
in body, mind, and spirit,
until you reach the promised goal,
a kingdom to inherit.

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The Postlude

Come, Creator Spirit

Johann Sebastian Bach

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We thank these persons who participated in worship this morning.

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Matthew D. Bates
Minister to Young Adults:	Rev. Drew Willson
Director of Music:	Stanley M. Baker
Pianist:	Lee Covington
Singers:	Emily Downey, Gabrielle Maes, Todd Minnich, Sam Cook
Video:	Rachel Bates

Scriptures

Acts 2:1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

² 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.”

Peter Addresses the Crowd

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.’

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them

in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

One Body with Many Members

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

John 7:37-39

Rivers of Living Water

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As^[a] the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart^[b] shall flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit,^[c] because Jesus was not yet glorified.