

## Pentecost Sunday – May 23, 2021

*“The next move is up to God.”*

- Prelude “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” Toni DiCapua, Mollie Wakeman
- Call to Worship Ben Ball
- Hymn of Praise: On Pentecost They Gathered (words on next page) no. 128
- Prayer of Confession (in unison) Gary Calame
- Loving God, even though we know that You sent Your Holy Spirit upon the disciples long ago, we sometimes forget that Your Spirit dwells with us even today. We fail to see Your power at work in our midst, and we miss opportunities to speak boldly and proclaim Your good news. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to receive the gifts of Pentecost. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.**
- Assurance of Pardon  
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.  
**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**
- Gloria Patri
- Passing of the Peace  
Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**
- Greetings and Announcements
- Anthem: “Spirit, Now Live in Me”...Bryan Jeffery Leech Choral Ensemble  
Richard Dinwiddie, director; Mollie Wakeman, accompanist  
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- New Testament Readings: Acts 2:1-8, 12-13; John 1:1-5, 9-14 Faye Wilson
- Sermon: “The Gifts of Pentecost” Rev. Anne Swanson
- Hymn of Response: Come, O Spirit (words on next page) no. 127
- Prayers of the People Gigi MacLeod
- Closing Hymn: Let Every Christian Pray (words on next page) no. 130
- Benediction
- Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace
- Postlude “The Family of God”

## **ON PENTECOST THEY GATHERED**

On Pentecost they gathered, quite early in the day,  
A band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing and pray.  
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,  
And tongues of fire a-glowing, inspired each person there.

The people all around them, were startled and amazed  
To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
What universal message, what great good news was here?  
That Christ, once dead, is risen, to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit, on all who would believe,  
On women, men and children, who would God's grace receive.  
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.  
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven, on that day long ago,  
Rekindle faith among us, in all life's ebb and flow.  
O give us ears to listen, and tongues aflame with praise,  
So folk of every nation, glad songs of joy shall raise.

## **GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.

## **SPIRIT, NOW LIVE IN ME** (Choral Ensemble)

O holy Dove of God descending, You are the love that knows no ending,  
All of our shattered dreams, You're mending, Spirit, now live in me.

O holy Wind of God now blowing, You are the seed that God is sowing,  
You are the life that starts us growing, Spirit, now live in me.

O holy Rain of God now falling, You make the Word of God enthralling,  
You are that inner voice now calling, Spirit, now live in me.

O holy Flame of god now burning, You are the power of Christ returning,  
You are the answer to our yearning, Spirit, now live in me.  
Spirit, now live in me.

## **COME, O SPIRIT**

Come, O Spirit, with Your sound, like a wind, quick rushing;  
Come from heaven and stir our hearts, each disciple touching!  
Mold our actions to Your will, You our service giving;  
Move within our fellowship, transform now our living!

Come, O Spirit, with Your flame, leaping tongues of fire;  
Come, and with Your glorious light, all our thought inspire!  
Rest upon each servant's head, till each one is speaking  
Of our Christ, the Holy One, all the earth is seeking!

Come, O Spirit, fill your church, making strong our mission;  
Fill Your daughters and Your sons, with a mighty vision,  
Till the great and glorious day, when the whole creation  
Sings Your praise as Lord and King, giver of salvation!

## **LET EVERY CHRISTIAN PRAY**

Let every Christian pray, this day and every day,  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Was not the church we love, commissioned from above?  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Spirit brought to birth, the church of Christ on earth,  
To seek and save the lost;  
God never has withdrawn, since that tremendous dawn,  
The gifts at Pentecost.

Only the Spirit's power, can fit us for this hour:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Instruct, inspire, unite, and help us see Your light:  
Come, Holy Spirit, come!

## **GO NOW IN PEACE**

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.