



ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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PENTECOST
May 31, 2020

Prelude

Surely, the Presence of the Lord, Martha Main, YouTube

We are Called to Worship

One: With rushing wind and holy fire . . .

Many: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

One: With tongues of flame and hopes rekindled . . .

Many: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

One: With visions birthed and dreams restored . . .

Many: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

One: With spacious grace and depth untold . . .

Many: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

One: With rushing wind and holy fire . . .

Many: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.~**

Gathering Prayer - Spirit of Pentecost, blow open the doors of our shut up hearts. Set our tongues free to proclaim your praise. Bless our youth with visions, and our elders with dreams. Bestow our children with gifts of prophecy, and 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.~

Song 1

On Pentecost They Gathered, 334, YouTube

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

A Time of Prayer

You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

Special Music

Sweet, Sweet Spirit, Martha Main, YouTube

We Hear God's Word

Acts 2:1-21

²When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All 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. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, 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."

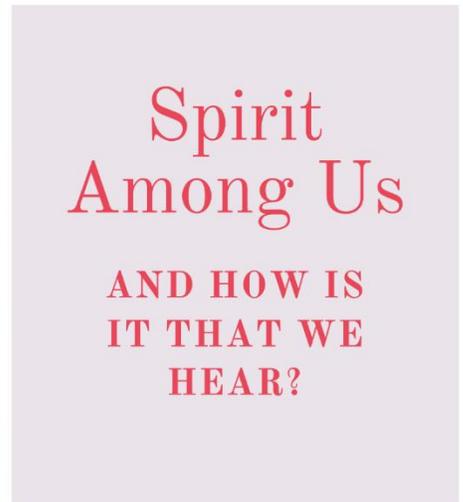
Song 2

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, 326, YouTube

Meditation

Spirit Among Us: Sounds of the Spirit

Spiritual Practice of the Week



The Holy Spirit helped the church to hear one another. Being able to listen deeply to one another is a gift of the Spirit. Our ability to listen and to understand takes practice and openness. Listen to the wind in the trees. Watch as the creatures around you—squirrels and chipmunks, your beloved pets—prick their ears as the slightest sound. Notice the birdsong. We listen with more than our ears. Pay attention to that still small voice of God whispering in your heart.

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Offertory

Friends, we may not be together in person today as we worship, but the ministry of our church goes on. During this time when we are apart, we are still in need financial support for our ministry.

You're invited to take out your checkbook in these moments. As you write out your offering, be prayerful with each letter and number. In times such as these, when money becomes tight and our economy in under strain, God invites us to be generous and give what we can. These are gifts we freely give, as we are able and as we are called.

We ask that you please mail in your offerings to our office.

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***The Doxology** (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

Version 1

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Version 2

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.

***We Give Thanks (unison) – For opening your hand, and blessing us with your manifold blessings, we give you thanks, O God. On this day of Pentecost, may our gifts bring dreams and visions to world in need of**

hope and direction. And may our hearts overflow with rivers of living water. Amen.~

Song 3

Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord, 129, YouTube

We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing - May the grace of God the Creator bless you with peace, may the love of Christ, God's son, sustain you in joy, and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage, this day and forevermore. Bless the Lord! Alleluia!=

Postlude

Open Up Your Heart and Let the Sun Shine In, Martha Main, YouTube

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