

# PENTECOST SUNDAY / HOLY COMMUNION

June 5, 2022

Guitar Prelude: "June" from "The Twelve Months"

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Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

This is the day of Pentecost, the day of the amazing outpouring of the Spirit of God!

**This is the day of Pentecost, the day of rushing wind, of flames of fire, of tongues eager to praise and to bless!**

It is on this day that the Holy Spirit descends upon us once again, upon everyone in this place, to make us prophets, visionaries, and priests mediating the love of God as children of God!

**Praise and glory be to the God who awakens, illumines and transforms us in spirit and in truth!**

**ALL: Let us worship God together!**

\*Hymn: O God, your love's undying flame

No. 280

1. O God, your love's undying flame  
was seen in desert bush ablaze,  
when Moses learned your secret name,  
the Lord of past and future days:  
Lord we would learn what you require  
and burn for you with living fire.

2. O Lord of fire, your love a flame that  
longed to set the earth ablaze,  
to bring the Kingdom's joy you came  
and freed us,  
trapped in earthbound ways:  
Lord, we would share your love's desire  
and burn for you with living fire.

3. O Holy Spirit, tongues of flame  
that set the newborn church ablaze,  
to each believer then you came,  
and lives were filled  
with power and praise:  
O Spirit, come, our lives inspire  
to burn for you with living fire.

## Prayers of Approach & Confession

The Peace of Christ be with you all;  
**And also with you.**

Special Music: O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace

Christopher Tye

Scripture Reading: ACTS 2: 1-21

*Scripture Reader: Sharon Fischer*

“When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to praise God’s goodness and love in multiple languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven gathered in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?’ <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and gentile converts, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of powerful healing love.’ <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> “In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your children shall prophesy,  
and your young people shall see visions,  
and your old people shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon those of my people enslaved, of all genders,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy...

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall experience inclusion into a greater wholeness of divine goodness and love.” Amen.

We are listening, O God;  
**Speak to us!**

Sermon:

THE COLOUR OF LOVE

Dr. Harris

Special Music: I Saw the Light

Hank Williams; arr. by Bruce Nasmith



\*A Christian Creed based on the Apostles' creed from: Iona, Scotland, Modified for AHPC

**We Believe in God above us,  
Maker and sustainer of all that lives,  
Of sun, moon and stars,  
Of water, air and earth,  
Of male, female  
and all life between.**

**We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
Born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor.  
He was tortured and nailed to a tree.  
He bore the suffering of others, but died forsaken.  
He descended into the earth to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,  
And his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,  
The Holy Spirit of transforming flame,  
Life-Giving breath of the church,  
Energy of healing and forgiveness,  
Source of resurrection and of life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## Invitation to the Christ's Table

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again. Hallelujah!**

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***Sung (Hymn #469): Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.***

***Give us today our daily bread.***

***Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.***

***Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,***

***for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.***

### Words of Institution

### Sharing of Elements

Prayer after Communion:

**Thank you, O Word made flesh, for giving yourself to us as bread and wine, for feeding us with your love, for calling us into a greater wholeness, for filling us with fresh passion to love in the world as we are receiving your love in us. We are honoured and grateful to be called to represent you in the world as your hands, feet and heart, given a life purpose through your Spirit in all the particular opportunities and challenges that make our lives what they are at this time. Help us to find you in us and ahead of us shining a light on our way and giving us your Spirit to embolden us with courage and assurance for the journey. In your name we pray; Amen.**

**1. Spirit, come, dispel our sadness;  
pierce the clouds of sinful night;  
come, thou source of sweetest gladness,  
breathe thy life and spread thy light.  
Loving Spirit, God of peace,  
great distributor of grace,  
rest upon this congregation;  
hear, oh hear our supplication.**

**2. From that height which  
knows no measure,  
as a gracious shower descend,  
bringing down the richest treasure  
we can wish or God can send.  
O thou glory, shining down  
from the Father and the Son,  
grant us thine illumination;  
rest upon this congregation.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**Organ Postlude: Fugue in C minor**

**Bruce Nasmith**

*\*Remain seated if you are more comfortable*

**3. Come, O best of all donations  
God can give, or we implore;  
having thy sweet consolations  
we need wish for nothing more.  
Come, anoint us now with power;  
on our souls thy graces shower;  
author of the new creation,  
make our hearts thy habitation.**