

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENVER

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May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

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PRELUDE

Chappell Kingsland, Organ

Trio from Pentecost Cantata, BWV 74

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Russ Kirby

RINGING OF THE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pat Freiburghaus

One: Like the day long ago when the Church was born,

Many: Open our eyes to you and your calling.

One: Like the day long ago when they spoke many tongues,

Many: Open our ears to you and your message.

One: Like the day long ago when their hearts burned anew,

Many: Open our hearts to you and your people.

One: On this, the church’s birthday,

May Christ’s blazing phoenix spirit resurrect us!

All: O God, set our hearts ablaze for you once more!

*OPENING HYMN

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

NCH #281

**Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.**

**In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers;
Come, shed on us the Savior’s love, that it may kindle ours.**

UNISON PRAYER

Pat Freiburghaus

God of birth, God of death, and God of resurrection: stir in us the hope, the faith, and the joy of our your presence. Remind us to love one another as you have loved even us. And in the time of Pentecost, renew our spirits, and renew your church. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Kirby

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Sanctuary

Thompson and Scruggs

**Lord prepare me To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary For you. (Repeat)**

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-8

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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?

THE MESSAGE

"What a Character!"
Peter

Rev. Kirby

INVITATION & OFFERTORY

"Joy Spring"
Clifford Brown

Chappell Kingsland, Piano

*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #780

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kirby

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Hymnal #769

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

NCH #286

Refrain:

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”**
(Refrain)

**You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
When they were confounded by their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.**
(Refrain)

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
And down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.**
(Refrain)

**You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.**
(Refrain)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Kirby

Leader: May the Peace of God go with you.

People: And also with you. Amen.

*SENDING FORTH

Halleluja

NCH 236

Halle, halle, halle, lu-u-jah!

Halle, halle, halle, lu-u-jah!

Halle, halle, halle, lu-u-jah!

Halleluja, hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

Chappell Kingsland, Piano

"Joy Spring" (Reprise)
Clifford Brown

**All are invited to stand in body or spirit.*



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WELCOME TO SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

Whether you are a guest or a member, thank you for worshipping with us.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sun. **9:30 am Worship**

Mon. 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tues. **10:00 am Bible Study**

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wed. **6:00 pm Virtual Community Social**

Thurs. (27th) 7:00 pm Coin Club

Fri. 9:30 am Art Class

(21st) 7:00 pm Wild Beautiful Concert

Sun. **9:30 am Worship**



SALEM CHURCH OFFICE

Office Hours:

Monday 3-6pm

Tuesday: 10am-6pm

Friday: 10am-6pm

Pastor Russ will be in Monday-Wednesday.



MISSIONS

The mission for May is one of UCC's 5 for 5- Strengthen the Church.
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