



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship on Pentecost

Sunday, May 23, 2021

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PRELUDE

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WELCOME and Ringing of the Bell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

[from 1 John 4, Mark 16; Psalm 98:1; Revelation 1:4-5, 8]

Pastor: Today is Pentecost. It celebrates a new beginning: the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the Church to reach the world with the Good News – the best news ever! Come church, express your gratitude for the faithfulness of Christ in fulfilling His promise to send the Counselor. Celebrate the Spirit's work in renewing all creation. Profess your confidence and security in the Holy Spirit's power.

People: God, You have poured Your love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Whom You gave to us. We dwell You and You in us.

Pastor: We give thanks to You and call on Your name.

People: **Holy Spirit, You Who unite all people in the common language of love, confirm God's gifts in us as we gather.**

Pastor: In harmony we glorify You.

People: **We sing to You and speak of all Your marvelous works among ourselves and all peoples.**

Pastor: May the Savior, Who opens the gates of paradise, open our hearts to Wisdom and Truth.

All: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!

*HYMN

Hymn to the Spirit

TUNE: SURRENDER *All to Jesus*

**¹Spirit working in creation bringing order out of strife:
Come around God's gathered people giving harmony and life.**

**²Spirit speaking through the prophets so the voice of God was heard:
Come inspire, alert Your people to today's prophetic word.**

**³Spirit taking, breaking, making bread and wine our heavenly food:
Come and take us, break us, make us live Christ's life in us renewed. [Refrain]**

Refrain

Come, O Spirit, Come. Come O Spirit come. Holy Spirit be our Wisdom, as we welcome everyone.

**⁴Spirit bringing freedom, blessing, help to poor and health to lame.
Come anoint us that such wonders may be done in Jesus' Name.**

**⁵Spirit, wind and flame, empowering fearless witness to the lost:
Come unite, renew Your wonders as of a new Pentecost.**

**⁶Praise and glory, Holy Spirit, for Your love on us outpoured:
Giving honor to the Father and proclaiming Jesus Lord. [Refrain]**

PASTORAL OPENING PRAYER

PRAYERS for the People and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.

Your kingdom come; Your 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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Everlasting God and You are Mine
Voices of Zion

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pouring

THE SCRIPTURE: Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:1-12

SERMON: Echoes of the Holy Spirit ~ Restoration and Empowerment

COMMUNION

Invitation

Call to Confession and Preparation

[1 Corinthians 22:27-29]

So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the Body and Blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

Confession

[from Joel 2 and all of Acts 2]

Pastor: We aren't filled with awe at Your wonders, often attributing them all to "Mother Nature" or modern medicine or just dumb luck.

People: We don't call on Your Name.

Pastor: You promise You won't abandon us, yet our hearts are not glad, our tongues do not rejoice, and we do not rest in hope.

People: You send Your Holy Spirit in a deluge on us, but we don't overflow with love in words and deeds to others.

Pastor: We hold back from your Holy Spirit, fearing others will think we are drunk.

People: What words and deeds we do have do not always inspire the favor of people.

Pastor: We resist prophesying – telling Your message to all who will hear – as You have said all of us will.

People: We separate ourselves from each other.

Pastor: We don't devote ourselves to Your Word, to each other, to communion, and to prayer and praise.

Assurance of Pardon

[1 Corinthians 15:3-4]

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. He was buried. He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

Declaration of Faith

[from Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 47, 49, 51, 53; TWS Q.3.6.1]

Pastor: The Spirit, as well as the Father and the Son, is the eternal God.

People: In His divinity, majesty, grace and in the Holy Spirit, Christ is not absent from us for a moment.

Pastor: The Holy Spirit has been given to us personally so that by true faith the Spirit makes us share in Christ.

People: Through the Holy Spirit, Christ pours out His gifts from heaven upon us, His children.

Pastor: We share in all his blessings. He comforts us and remains with us forever.

People: By the Spirit's power, we make the goal of our lives not earthly things

Pastor: but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread

Holy Spirit

**Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me. Give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.**

Sharing of the Wine

Holy Spirit

**Holy Spirit, come abide within. May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace;
Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.**

Pastoral Prayer

Holy Spirit

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth. Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.**

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we thank You that You have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in Your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of Your Holy Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN

Filled with the Spirit's Power

TUNE: NATIONAL HYMN *God of our Fathers*

**¹Filled with the Spirit's power with one accord, the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the Church today, again Your power of fellowship display.**

**²Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire, that unity may be our great desire.
Give joy and peace, give faith to hear Your call and readiness in each to work for all.**

**³Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace the people of all lands with every grace.
Like wind and fire with life among us move 'til we are known as Christ's and Christians prove.**

BENEDICTION

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people... and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below... before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved”...

[The believers] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Every day they continued to meet together. They ... [praised] God and [enjoyed] the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Joel 2; Acts 2:17, 18b, 19a, 20b-21, 22b