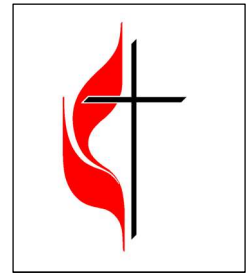




Woodbury United Methodist Church

May 31, 2020
Day of Pentecost
5th Sunday Service



PRELUDE

Surely the Presence of the Lord
Matt Bodwell, Kate Keeler, Christopher Shay

Lanny Wolfe

PROCLAMATION OF THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

read by Julia Bower Richardson, Liturgist
based on Acts 2:1-21
1st Lesson for the Day of Pentecost

UMBOW

And in the last days it shall come to pass, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions.

When the Day of Pentecost had come, they were all gathered in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

GREETING

Rev. John Thomason

HYMN

O Spirit of the Living God
led by Kate Keeler

Tweedy/Williams

**O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.**

**Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.**

**Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand when loves speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.**

**So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal.**

OPENING PRAYER

Julia Bower Richardson

from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020*
based on Acts 2, 1 Corinthians 12, John 7

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 strength and courage to become the people you call us to be. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

led by Christine, Anna, and Matthew Shupenis

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

A PENTECOST BIRTHDAY PARTY

Greetings, Joys, and Concerns from Members of Our Church Family

PRAYER HYMN

Sweet, Sweet Spirit
led by Kate Keeler

Doris Akers

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.**

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Julia Bower Richardson

SCRIPTURE READINGS

read by: Julia Bower Richardson

Lessons for the Day of Pentecost
from *The Revised Common Lectionary*

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (NRSV)

Spiritual Gifts

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of

tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

One Body with Many Members

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

John 7:37-39 (NRSV)

Rivers of Living Water

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

HYMN

Spirit of the Living God
led by the Richardson family

Daniel Iverson

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

SERMON

Pentecost: So What’s New?

Rev. Thomason

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Grace
Matt Bodwell, Rod Carnes, Kate Keeler

Leonard/Kilgore

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomason

POSTLUDE

Grace (reprise)

Leonard/Kilgore