

May 31, 2020 ~ Day of Pentecost

PRELUDE SPIRIT SONG JOHN WIMBER/ARR. MARK HAYES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS:

Kim Cooke, June 1

GATHERING SONG: No. 283 – “Come, O Holy Spirit Come”

Come, O Holy Spirit, come;

Leader: Holy Spirit, come.

Come, almighty Spirit, come;

Leader: almighty Spirit, come.

Come, come, come.

Leader: O Spirit, come.

Wa wa wa Emimimo;

Leader: Emiolye.

Wa wa wa Alagbara;

Leader: Alagbarameta.

Wao, wao, wao.

Leader: Emimimo.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING SONG OF PRAISE: No. 280 – “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;

come with Pentecostal power;

give the church a stronger vision;

help us face each crucial hour.

Built upon a firm foundation,

Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,

still the church is called to mission

that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias
for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.

ADMITTING THE BROKENNESS OF LIFE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE: No. 286 – “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” v. 1

Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ENCOUNTERING THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Numbers 11:24-30 | Acts 2:1-21

SERMON: "Unbound"

HYMN OF RESPONSE: No. 291 – "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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
with 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)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

By the Spirit God raised up leaders and prophets in Israel. By the Spirit Jesus was conceived, baptized, and empowered. By the Spirit the risen Christ is present with the church.

We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life, the Renewer and Perfecter of God's people, the One who makes real in us what God has done for us.

We testify that today this same Holy Spirit makes us able to respond in faith to the gospel and leads us into the Christian community. The Spirit brings us out of death into life, out of separation into fellowship.

We know that the same Spirit gives us a unity we cannot create or destroy. The Spirit moves among us not to end diversity or compel uniformity, but to overcome divisiveness and bitterness. The Spirit leads us to struggle against the lines of race and class, the ambitions of competing parties, the loyalties to individuals and traditions, that divide us. The Spirit impels us to make the unity of Christians visible to a divided world, and assures us that we shall be one.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE AND SERVICE

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY: - No. 692 – “Spirit, Open My Heart” - refrain

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FINAL HYMN: No. 292 – “As the Wind Song”

As the wind song through the trees,

as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known
where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain,
as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring,
as a kite on a string,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new,
making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast,
as the wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.

BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION: No. 539 – “We Will Go Out With Joy” v. 1, refrain, 3

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

Refrain:

Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.

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