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Pentecost

Prelude Instrumental Ensemble
"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" arr. Stan Pethel
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Welcome

Opening Words adapted Worship Ways

One: Here we gather for song and scripture, seeking comfort and hope, seeking to be inspired as well as challenged.

Many: Living and Speaking out loud

Leader: Here we gather to retell the ancient tales and wonder how God's story continues to unfold. Today we tell the story of Pentecost, the story of the Holy Spirit rushing in like a wild wind and dancing like flames upon each of the disciples,

Many: Living and Speaking out loud

One: And we ask ourselves where we see the Holy Spirit present in our world today. Today we tell a story of the Holy Spirit igniting hope again. We will hear Peter claim his identity, tell his story, and inspire others to see the Holy at work in the world.

Many: Living and Speaking out loud

One: Friends, welcome. Welcome to this place with all questions, doubts, wonders. Find here an invitation to experience something ancient and something new. May we be open to the Spirit. May we be open to learning and learning from one another. May we grow in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn NCH #270 " Like the Murmur of the Dove Song"

Prayer of Invocation adapted from Acts 2:1-21

God, today you come to us like the rush of a violent wind and fill this house – your house. May we, like your disciples be filled with the Holy Spirit. May we be prophets. May we see visions. May we, even us, receive your Holy Spirit and spread the Good News far and wide that you are unfailing and steadfast in your love to all people. Amen.

Opening Response Binder #63 "Spirit of Life"

Children's Time

The Witness of Music Chancel Choir
"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Earlene Rentz Turner
Based on the traditional Spiritual
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Reading:

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

For the wisdom contained in these holy words, we give thanks. Amen

Sermon Rev. Dr. Wendy Bruner

Confirmation

Invitation

It is the power of divine Love and the spirit of holy wondering that brings us together on this special day.

We invite to come forward those who wish to affirm their spiritual journey on this day ...

Questions

Congregational Support

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow with these confirmands on their journey of faith, to help them to be thoughtful members of this community of Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in all the world, and by offering nurture and companionship so they may live out their wondering and reflection?

We do, with the help of God.

Act of Confirmation

Prayer of Confirmation (Mentors)

We rejoice, O life-giving God, in the gift of the Holy Spirit, and in the Spirit's power to awaken us to new truth and inspire us to venture into the fullness of life.

We give thanks that these people have been moved to affirm their spiritual journeys of life in this way.

Help them to live not for themselves
but for the Love known through Jesus and all God's people everywhere.
Keep them steady and abounding in hope,
never giving up,
pressing toward the wholeness of life with you,
and always, *always*, erring on the side of love. **Amen.**

Presentation of Certificates

Hymn Binder #58 "In the Midst of New Dimensions"

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom 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,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kin-dom, and the power,
and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion

Prayer: Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking
that our eyes might be opened,
that we might recognize the risen Christ
in our midst, indeed, in one another.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Communion Music: Binder #23 "Woyaya" Osibisa

Pray of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love
by bringing us to this meal.
We go from here renewed in faith,
renewed in courage,
and strengthened by your presence.
Thank you for loving us so tenderly.
Thank you for challenging us
to know you better and to receive you more fully. Amen

How shall we join God's work in the world?

Gracious God, we give thanks and ask your blessings on the many and diverse gifts we
bring to join you in your work in the world.

Closing Hymn Binder #64 "Send Down the Fire"

Benediction

Postlude Instrumental Ensemble
"Be Thou My Vision" arr. Stan Pethel
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