

COMMUNION HYMN “Spirit of the Living God” # 259 (2x’s)

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

WORDS of INSTITUTION

CONSECRATION of the ELEMENTS

SHARING of the ELEMENTS

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, your lavish faithfulness puts us to shame. You have never given up on us, even though our history is one of unfaithfulness and discouragement. You have raised the dead to life in your Son, and are raising us to new life each time we set aside ourselves for someone else. Having broken bread and shared the Body and Blood—the New Life of Jesus, we praise you and bless your name for your faithfulness and mercy. In Jesus’ name we pray forever and ever. Amen.

*LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

*CLOSING HYMN “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” # 254

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “The Spirit Is A-Movin’”

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“What’s All The Noise About”



Pentecost Sunday

June 5, 2022

9:00 am

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Come, Holy Ghost"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather together because God has called us. We wait in expectant awe for God's appearing.

People: We are together, old and young, rich and poor. We have come, believers and skeptics, to this place.

Leader: On the first Christian Pentecost, there were surprises: the rush of a violent wind and tongues of fire.

People: We tremble before the power of the Holy Spirit. What will happen if we let the Spirit in?

Leader: On this Pentecost, we can receive the surprises of God. We can be moved to speak and act in new ways.

People: With hesitant eagerness, we welcome the Spirit. We will risk stepping into God's vision for us.

*INVOCATION (in unison)

Amazing God, who created humanity as one people, come among us now to reunify us. Out of our differences, create understanding and eagerness to explore the variety among us. Out of our narrowness, fashion a breadth of involvement to feed our spirits. May we dream dreams and see visions. May we truly hear our sisters and brothers and respond to them with empathy and love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" # 241 (vs 1,2,5)

MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

How often this week have we pondered the manifold works of God? How have we cared for this amazing planet? What have we done to encourage life at its fullest and best? We violate God's purposes by our neglect as well as by overt acts. God invites our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, we have built cities for ourselves. We have sought fame and fortune. We have rushed through our days with

unseeing eyes, stopped-up ears, and dulled emotions. We are more often enslaved by our fears than freed by your grace. We demand proof of your existence but ignore the work of your hands. We reject Jesus Christ as an impractical visionary. Your Holy Spirit is unreal to us because we insist on being in charge. Have mercy on us, holy God, and save us from ourselves. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God promises to us an outpouring of the Spirit. We will see signs and experience wonders that we have not observed before. When we call out to God, our healing, our salvation, will come. God approaches us with open hands filled with good things. When we are ready to be taught, God grants new insights and a deep, abiding sense of peace. Praise God!

CONTEMPORARY SONG "Breathe"

SCRIPTURE Acts 2: 1-15 (*NRSV*)

SERMON "What's All The Noise About"

CHOIR ANTHEM "Come, O Spirit, Truth Divine"
(Larson)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has made us heirs of great abundance in order that we might use the resources entrusted to us to benefit humankind. We are children of God, called to share with the world the manifold works of our Creator. Our offerings are one expression of our commitment.

OFFERTORY "Holy Spirit Come"
(Mayberry, Herbert, Benjamin-Korporal)

*RESPONSE "Doxology" # 621

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

God of wind and fire, may new life be breathed into the world because of these gifts we return to you. Grant us enhanced capacity to carry your revelation to others in ways they can understand. We seek to be to one another channels of your love and peace, both in person and through the outreach of our offerings. Amen.