

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Rev. Kevin M. Pleas

Online Worship

May 23, 2021

PRELUDE "One Bread, One Body" – arr. Mark Hayes Adam Peithmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Kevin Pleas

INTROIT (# 261) "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With power from above to make our weakness strong,

People: Come, Holy Spirit. Give us courage to be your faithful people in this place.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Creator God, because you make all that draws forth our praise and the forms in which to express it, we praise you. Because you fill us with your Holy Spirit and make artists of us all, awakening courage to look again at what is taken for granted, grace to share these insights with others, vision to reveal the future already in being, we praise you. Because you form your Word among us, and in your great work embrace all human experience, even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song, we praise you. Yours is the glory. Amen.

HYMN # 249 "Spirit"

PASTORAL PRAYER Barbara Papagian

TIME OF SILENCE

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE (# 303) "In This Time"

SCRIPTURE READING Sam Knowles

Acts 2:1-4 (New Revised Standard Version)

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.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“Spirit of the Living God”

Rev. Kevin Pleas

HYMN # 259

“Spirit of the Living God”

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to join in the sacrament using your own version of the bread and the wine.

INVITATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we forget who we are. We don't listen for a still small voice. We walk with our heads down and miss all the stars that could be ours. But we know that you are a God of Hope who does not forget your covenant with us, a Shepherd God who looks for lost sheep, a faithful God who keeps calling us in spite of our deafness, a God who enters our history, opens our eyes and heals our blindness. O God forgive us, accept us as your stewards and send us out to serve in your love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION (Unison)

**May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
Giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
And to proclaim the wonderful works of God;
And the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always.**

Amen

POSTLUDE

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” – arr. John A. Behnke

Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.

Introit
Hymn no. 261

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

1. 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.

Refrain

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.

Opening Hymn no. 249

“Spirit”

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free, Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1. 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.”

2. You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you gifted 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.

3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silences 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.

4. 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.

Prayer Response
Hymn no. 303

“In This Time”

In this time of quiet reverence, God fills us now with everlasting peace and may each and ev’ry day we live bring true faith in your abiding love.

Closing Hymn no. 259

“Spirit of the Living God”

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.