

Grace United Church of Christ

May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday
Online Worship

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on Acts 2:1-6, The Message)

Leader: "When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force— no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building."

People: *(Ring your wind chimes, bells, and wave your flags and streamers.)*

Leader: "Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them."

People: *(Ring your wind chimes, bells, and wave your flags and streamers and say in the language in which you feel most comfortable.)*

"This is the day our God has made let us be glad and rejoice in it!"

Leader: Like a wildfire, we proclaim the Holy Spirit is with us in this space.

All: We praise God for the Holy Spirit which fills us at this moment.

GATHERING HYMN Spirit of the Living God

INVOCATION

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Dear Creator of heaven and earth be with us as we worship and praise your name. Be with us as we gather as a community of God, asking the Holy Spirit to descend on us as it did on our ancestors so many

years ago. Come, Holy Spirit, and sustains us each and every day in the name of Jesus. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

John 20:19-23

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

CENTERING SONG

Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, No one stands alone, Standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.

SECOND LESSON Acts 2:1-21

MESSAGE

Just Breath

OFFERING

This morning we lift up our United Church of Christ Strengthen the Church offering. The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

Invitation

Dedication

HOLY COMMUNION

MORNING PRAYERS

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING HYMN Breathe on Me, Breath of God

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

John 20:19-23

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

cts 2:1-21

² When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt

and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

HYMNS

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.

Breath on Me, Breath of God

Breath on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love,
And do what you would do.

Breath on me, Breathe of God,
Stir in me one desire:
That every earthly part of me
May glow with Holy Fire.