



"A Community Of Many Faithing Communities Where All Belong!"

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Welcome To Worship

May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

9:30 a.m.



Neil Howard

Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

"A World Compelled by Love" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Prelude** *Spirit of the Living God* ~ Tippe Musicians

✧ **Welcome and community news**

A reminder that we won't be gathering for worship next Sunday morning, May 26th over the Memorial Day weekend.

We encourage you to experience worship with us by gathering via Zoom:

6 pm on Sunday evenings for Centering Prayer

6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings for *Sanctuary Time of Belonging*

Our June Summer Supper Service with Prince of Peace – we are hosting! Join us on Wednesday, June 19th at 5:30 pm. We'll gather for worship at the labyrinth – bring a chair and a dish to pass.

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!

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✧ **A Blessing as we Center Ourselves in this Moment**

When We Breathe Together ~ Jan Richardson

A Blessing for Pentecost Day

This is the blessing
we cannot speak
by ourselves.

This is the blessing
we cannot summon
by our own devices,
cannot shape
to our purpose,
cannot bend
to our will.

This is the blessing
that comes
when we leave behind
our aloneness

when we gather
together
when we turn
toward one another.

This is the blessing
that blazes among us
when we speak
the words
strange to our ears

when we finally listen
into the chaos

when we breathe together
at last.

✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other - Our Check-in**

~ **The Joy of Passing the Peace** ~

One: May the peace that surpasses all understanding be with you

All: And also with you

One: Thanks be to God

✧ **Time for Young Hearts**

✧ **Gathering as God's People: Pentecost**

Pentecost is a long-standing Jewish harvest party, a Christian celebration as old as Jesus' Church, and a Greek word that means "fiftieth." And the Pentecost moment described in the New Testament is a 1st-century event in Jerusalem where people's heads caught fire. At this event, an indoor windstorm swirled through a packed house party, and everyone was baffled—some panicked. And then the guys with fiery heads became spontaneously multilingual.

Today's Bible Wisdom teachings will reveal to us miraculous moments, opportunities to use our imaginations and witness glimmers of hope – all of it inviting us to see *a world compelled by love*, which is the title of our service today.

The power and significance of the Pentecost celebration is impossible to overstate, and this year the readings really reveal how far this gift of God's Spirit reaches. Pentecost is not just about a few individuals receiving a euphoric experience. Rather, the outpouring of God's Spirit reveals a whole new order for the entire cosmos!

May our celebration this year empower us and open us to find our place in the glorious, God-sustained unity of creation.

✧Gathering Hymn 411 *God is Here Today*

Refrain: Dios está aquí, tan cierto como el aire que respiras
Tan cierto como la mañana se levanta
Tan cierto como que te canto y me puedes oír
Tan cierto como que te canto y me puedes oír

God is here today, as certain as the air I breathe
As certain as the morning sun that rises,
As certain as when I sing you'll hear my song
As certain as when I sing you'll hear my song

(v1) You can find God, just look at the person who's next to you.
You can find God, abiding in your own heart. (repeat entire verse)

(v2) You can see God, just spend a moment in nature.
You can feel God, when you breathe in the scent of a rose.
You can hear God in the current that flows in the river.
You can feel God, abiding in your own heart.

(v3) You can love God in each individual gathered here.
You can love God in each woman, each man and each child.
You can love God in each person you meet when you walk outside
You can feel God, abiding in your own heart.

✧Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

One: Rushing Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!

All: Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!

One: Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds!

All: Let us be prepared to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.

One: Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love.

All: Make us people who will proclaim God's good news in all that we do.

Amen.

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

One: Holy Spirit,
we're not sure we're ready
for your awesome power
to blow through our lives;
we've grown comfortable
with our familiar habits
and our bland routines;
we're afraid to give up our waking slumber
and face the truth
that we do not truly live.

**All: When we cling to our ways
and the safety of familiar paths,
wake us up,
shake us up,
heat us up,
and breathe your life into us.
Walk with us, O God,
and give us the courage
to follow the way that is lit
by the fire of your Spirit.
On this Day of Pentecost,
we pray for the audacity
to ride the winds of change. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

✧ **Special Music** *By Breath*, by Sara Thomsen, performed by Betsy Gonwa

✧ **Prayer of Intention**

Holy Spirit, may we hear your gracious Word for us today. May we grow in wisdom, strength, and love as we open our ears, our minds, and our hearts to the transformative message you have in store for each of us. Amen.

✧ **Bible Wisdom Teaching**

Psalm 104:24-34

24 O Sovereign, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.
26 There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

27 These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
28 when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

31 May the glory of the Sovereign endure for ever;
may the Sovereign rejoice in Divine creation—
32 who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
33 I will sing to the Sovereign as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
34 May my meditation be pleasing to God,
for I rejoice in the Sovereign.

Romans 8:22-27

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

One: May we hear anew the origin stories of our faith and draw from the roots of our tradition.

All: **Thanks be to our God.**

✧ **Message** “A World Compelled by Love,” Rev. Trish Eckert



Jen Norton

✧ **Reflection Questions**

Where does hope spring forth and love pour out in your life right now?

What signs of hope do you see for the planet? Where do you see love showing up in the world?

How can you cultivate hope and love for yourself and for the world?

How might you share your hope and love with creation?

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn 292 *As the Wind Song***

✧ **Our gifts of support**

Pentecost God,
take our hearts and set them on fire.
Take our lives and transform them.
Take our church and resurrect it
with your life-giving Spirit.
Take our gifts and use them
for the fulfillment of your vision
of peace and unity. Amen.

✧Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All: God, heart of the world; revealed through every aspect of creation; understood through our awareness:

May we honor the holiness of creation and act accordingly so that your love is reflected in the way we live.

May we always be thankful for the food we eat and the friends we have.

May we forgive those who transgress against us and be forgiven for our own.

In the freedom of love may we live as your heartbeat and not be compromised by hesitation.

Through our freedom, may your justice be seen and heard and experienced forever and ever. Amen.

~Sherri J. Weinberg

✧**Benediction**

The God who made this amazing universe is creating you anew every day.

Jesus Christ, the resurrected One, offers you peace that never dies.

The Holy Spirit is setting your hearts on fire—right here, right now.

Go in peace, and be transformed, that you may change the world. Amen.

Now that the worship has ended, may the service truly begin.

✧**Our Response:**

Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your Word lives on in us.

✧**Postlude** *Envía Tu Espíritu*, by Bob Hurd ~ Tippe Musicians