

Day of Pentcost
Online Worship Bulletin
May 31, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE *When In The Hour Of Utmost Need* by: Johann Michael Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes our hearts are shut up like the doors that imprisoned the disciples.

Come, Holy Spirit, with your mighty wind of justice, blow open these doors and release us!

Darkness floods our souls and we wonder if we will ever see the light again.

Come, Holy Spirit, let the flames of fire touch our hearts and our spirits and burn away our fears and frustrations.

We sit, huddled in our own worlds of alienation. When will we ever feel the power of your love again, O God?

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our lives with your love and free us to reach out to others with the good news of your eternal presence.

OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of wind and fire, come to us this day, freeing us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen. Dust us off and set us squarely on the path to hope you have set before us. Remind us that we are never far from your presence. Get us ready for the great adventure and opportunities that lie before us. Help us to be good and willing workers for you. In Christ's Name, we pray.

Amen.

HYMN *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* by: G. Croly & F. C. Atkinson

***Spirit of God, who dwells within my heart,
wean it from sin, through all its pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,
and make me love you as I ought to love.***

***I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.***

***Teach me to feel that you are always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unceasing prayer.***

*Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
the fullness of the heaven-descended Dove;
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of patience and persistence, we live in a broken and shattered world. All around us we see great evidence of hatred and alienation. We cannot help but observe the alienation of your people from each other. We create devices to separate rather than unite; to divide rather than come together in hope. Forgive us for our sins. These sins cause such division and hurt. Remind us today that the disciples, too, lived in a fearful world and that one day you came to them, as they sat huddled in fear, and you empowered them. You gave them hearts of courage and faith. Please bring to us the same hearts that we may serve you well, bringing peace and hope to our world. In the name of Christ, we offer this prayer.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dear ones, fear no more! The power of God's Holy Spirit has set us free from the prison of doubt and fear!

Now is the time to shine with the light of God's love, given to you by Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

Finding Our Passion

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit:

Justifies us by grace through faith, Sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, And binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage: to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.*

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

HYMN

Open My Eyes That I May See

by: Clara H. Scott

*Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth thou sendest clear;
And while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *From Heaven Above To Earth*

by: J. G. Walther

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