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God's Compassionate Community Sharing Christian Faith



I will
put my
spirit
within
you,
and you
shall live...

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV

May 31, 2020 – Pentecost

Welcome!

Welcome to worship!

We hope it will be a quiet space for you as you prepare to spend time with God amid life's busyness and storms.

We honour each other's desire for peace as we gather.

We're glad you're here!

WE GATHER IN GOD'S HOPE

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* Please rise in body and/or Spirit as you are able.

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the Haldimand Tract, traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Prelude

Spirit of God

Opening Hymn

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

VU 375

Refrain: ***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.***

***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:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.***

Refrain

***You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you gifted your people with a law and a land;
and when they were confounded
with idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets
to open their eyes.*** Refrain

***You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
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.*** Refrain

***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.*** Refrain

Call to Worship *based on Acts 2*

***You'll need to get something like windchimes, or bells, or your
printed out flame, or streamers while we open worship!***

One: When the day of Pentecost had come,
they were all together in one place.

**All: We would give anything to be together
with friends, with family,
with pew-mates and church friends,
instead of separate, together.**

One: 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.

**All: *(Ring your wind chimes, bells, and wave your
printed out flames or streamers).***

One: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began
to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them
ability.

**All: May we learn to speak a language all can
understand, full of compassion and hope.
*(Ring your wind chimes, bells, and wave your
printed out flames or streamers).***

One: So let us worship with words and hymns,
actions and love, that the world might know what we
believe by the love we offer to those in need.

Opening Prayer

All: Let us pray...

***We believe in the Spirit who blows through our lives:
unsettling us, stirring us up,
propelling us forward.***

***We believe in the Spirit who comes as a fire:
warming us, empowering us, re-making us.***

***We believe in the Spirit who frees our tongues:
for talking of God, for prayer, for advocacy.***

***We believe in the Spirit:
the Counsellor, the Helper, the Breath of God.
Amen***

Silence

Lord's Prayer (Baba Yetu)

Hymn

I am the Church

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Refrain:

I am the church! You are the church!

We are the church together!

***All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!***

Yes, we're the church together!

***The church is not a building;
the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place;
the church is a people.*** Refrain

***We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
all colours and all ages, too
from all times and places.*** Refrain

***Sometimes the church is marching,
sometimes it's bravely burning,
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding,
always it's learning.*** Refrain

*And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying,
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes,
all of it saying: Refrain*

*At Pentecost some people
received the Holy Spirit
and told the Good News through the world
to all who would hear it. Refrain*

Story Time

Video I am the Church

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Mission and Service Fund

Readings from the Scriptures (NRSV) Acts 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.’

Anthem **Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit**

Reflection **Come, O Holy Spirit**

Hymn **Come Touch Our Hearts** **MV 12**

***Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
From failing embers build a blazing fire;
Love strong enough to overturn injustice,
To seek a world more gracious,
Come touch and bless our hearts.***

***Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
Your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
Create a space for spirit to grow in us,
Let life and beauty fill us,
Come touch and bless our souls.***

***Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
Set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
Help us to open doors of understanding,
To welcome truth and wisdom,
Come touch and bless our minds.***

***Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
And in our weakness your great strength reveal;
That we may rise to follow and to serve,
Steady now our nerve,
Come touch and bless our wills.***

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD AND LOVE

Invitation to Offering

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Offertory Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

*** Offering Response ***

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU 541

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

***Dedication of the Offering**

Hymn before Prayers Spirit, Open My Heart MV 79

**Refrain *Spirit open my heart,
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love, may I love;
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit open my heart.***

***God replace my stony heart,
with a heart kind and tender.
All my coldness and pain
to your grace, I now surrender.* Refrain**

***Write your love upon my heart,
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word and deed,
May my living bring you glory.* Refrain**

*May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
May we welcome one another.* Refrain

Prayers of the People

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

Closing Hymn

Siyahamba

VU 646

*Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)
oo-oo, (hamba,)
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
(khanyen' kwenkhos'.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,)
oo-oo, (hamba,)
siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.*

*We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)*

*We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)*

*We are marching, (marching, we are marching,)
oo-oo, (marching,)
we are marching in the light of God.*

Commissioning

One: No Justice. No Peace.
Know Justice. Know Peace.

No Love. No Joy.
Know Love. Know Joy.

No Faith. No Hope.
Know Faith. Know Hope.

For we are walking in the light of God,
and so may the light, the justice, the peace,
the love, the joy, the faith, and the hope
of God, lead us and our world, together in ways
that enlivens all of creation.

*** Choral Benediction**

Siyahamba