

## Order of Worship for Pentecost, May 28, 2023



Welcome & Announcements (Stewart)

*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit, and kindle in our hearts the fire of your love.**

God of love, of your goodness set us aflame with that fire of the Spirit which Christ brought upon the earth and longs to see blazing throughout the world, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit now and for ever. **Amen.**

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*Call to worship*

God's love has been poured into our hearts.

**We dwell in God and God in us.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's Holy name;

**Make known God's deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to God, sing praises

**And speak of all God's marvellous works.**

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty,

**Who was and is and is to come!**

*Hymn:* 402 O Holy Spirit, by Whose Breath

*Prayer of Adoration & Confession*

Living God, you create all that is.

Your Spirit hovered over the waters in creation, and rejoiced in you, and in all your works.

Jesus gave your spirit to the disciples: a spirit of peace instead of fear, a spirit that breaks down boundaries and brings new life.

We pray with hope, with trepidation, with faith for the gift of your Spirit,

that you will renew and restore us,

that we may proclaim your good news in ways and words that all will embrace and believe.

The Holy Spirit fills the world,

and knows our every word and deed.

Let us then open ourselves to God,

and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Assurance of Pardon*

Through the cross of Christ,

God have mercy on you,

pardon you

and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven

and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all goodness

and keep you in life eternal.

**Amen.**

Children's Time

A reflection on Byrd Baylor's book, *I'm in Charge of Celebrations*.

Hymn: 399 Spirit, Spirit of gentleness

*Prayer for Illumination*

God, your Holy Spirit has caused the Scriptures to be written for our learning. May you open our eyes, our hearts, and our ears to your Word, read and proclaimed, that we may hear your voice and

respond in prayer, in praise and in faith. Amen.

Readings:

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon with Spirit Sightings: the Rev. Jennifer Bourque

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Hymn 394 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

FaithTalk: *Some questions to consider:*

-where are places that you see the Holy Spirit at work in your life, in the lives of those around you, or in the broader world?

-what descriptors and images of the Holy Spirit—creative, wisdom, peace, fire, wind, Comforter—resonate most with you? Which are more challenging?

-can you name a place where, in retrospect, you were able to see the Holy Spirit at work, even if you didn't recognize it in the moment?

*Offering*

*Prayers of the people*

Let us pray to God the Holy Spirit, saying, "Come, Holy Spirit, come."

Come, Holy Spirit, creator, and renew the face of the earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, counsellor, and touch our lips that we may proclaim your word.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, power from on high: make us agents of peace and ministers of wholeness.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, breath of God, give life to the dry bones of this exiled age, and make us a living people, holy and free.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Come, Holy Spirit, wisdom and truth: strengthen us in the risk of faith.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come**

Gathering our prayers and praise into one, let us pray as Jesus taught us, each in the language in which we pray.

**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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
forever and ever, Amen.

Hymn: 764 There's a Spirit in the Air

Sending & Benediction

Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ. Go with the blessing of God, the Source of all being, the  
Eternal Word and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**



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