



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday

*Our Vision is to Know, to Live
and to Share the Love of Jesus Christ.*

Online Worship – 9:30am

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

*In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your young will see visions.
Your elders will dream dreams.
Even upon my servants, men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.*

Acts 2:17-18 (CEB)

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE

O Spirit of the Living God
Ahyoung Son, organ

R. V. Williams

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rushing Wind, breathe new life into us!
Come, Holy Spirit!
Blazing Flame, burn away our fears!
Come, Holy Spirit!
Comforting Presence, heal our wounds.
Come, Holy Spirit!
Prepare our hearts to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit!
Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love.
Come, Holy Spirit!
Embolden us to be people who proclaim God's good news in all that we do.
Come, Holy Spirit! Amen.

The Sinclair Family

OPENING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

Verse 1

God of grace and God of glory,
on the people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, (of this hour)
for the facing of this hour.

Verse 2

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, (of these days)
for the living of these days.

Verse 3

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, (kingdom's goal)
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Verse 4

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, (we adore)
serving thee whom we adore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we confess that we are not always ready for the power of your Holy Spirit. It is easier for us to hide in the upper rooms of our lives, to let the world go by and not acknowledge your presence. But with a rush of wind and transforming fire, you have inspired us to come alive again. With your love and words of healing mercy, you have challenged us to be transformed. Forgive our silent voices, our hesitant witness and our complacent spirits. Heal our fears and our wounds. Help us to be agents of healing and hope, peace and justice, for all. Challenge and inspire us to overcome our feelings of inadequacy and remind us that you have called us, and all of your creation, beloved and have given us what we need to proclaim your Good News. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not be afraid! God's Holy Spirit brings you healing comfort, and sustaining hope and empowering faith. You are being prepared to serve God in mighty ways. Rejoice! God's Holy Spirit is with you always.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

The Day When God Made Church

by Rebekah McLeod Hutto

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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

Read by Clergy of the Greater Bridgeport Cooperative Parish

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.'

SERMON

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hold Each Other Up

by Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer
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HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Grace Sinclair & Sophia Sinclair, piano

UMH 95

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *You are invited to pray in the version and language of your heart.*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Refrain:

Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.

Verse 1

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,
out his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine,
ask my Lord if all was mine. **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

Jordan river runs right cold,
chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track,
runs to heaven and right back. **(Refrain)**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Spirit of Faith Come Down
Ahyoung Son, organ

Sacred Harp
L. Mason & T. Mason

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Our Mission is:

To Know the love of Jesus in personal ways through worship, prayer and study
To Live the love of Jesus through acts of compassion, gentleness and justice
To Share the love of Jesus in our homes, our community and the world
To Welcome all of God's children regardless of age, race, ability,
sexual or gender orientation, and economic circumstance.

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