

# The Heart of the Matter

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## Worship - The Day of Pentecost May 31, 2020

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**Liturgist: Cullen Hackler**  
**with help from the children of NPC**  
**Special Music by Kris Scaffidi, Lisa Charlton, Jim Wingate,**  
**Allison Kelly, and Ellette Burke**  
**Videos by Brian Ward**

### **Music as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship**

*"Let Every Christian Play" by Jim Wingate on chimes*

### **Welcome**

*(Next week we'll begin our June series, "Holding Hope in Community" that will be based on the Letter of Paul to the Philippians. Next Sunday is also the first of the month and we will have communion. Please be ready with your bread and cup.)*

### **Music**

*"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"*  
*one verse played by Jim Wingate on bagpipes*

### **Call to Worship**

Wind of God, who awakened creation and stirred dry bones to life---  
**sweep through this space between and among us and enliven our worship.**

Wind of God, who descended as tongues of flame and gave birth to the church---

**sweep through this space and ignite our hearts.**

Wind of God, who guides our ministry and equips us for service---  
**sweep through this space and empower our witness.**

**Let us worship God!**

**Opening hymn** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" tune: DARWALL'S 148TH  
*Glory to God #305, verses 1 and 2*

Come sing O church in joy  
Come join O church in song  
For Christ the Lord has led us  
Through the ages long  
In bold accord  
Come celebrate the journey now  
And praise the Lord

Long years have come and gone  
And still God reigns supreme  
Empowering us to catch the vision  
Dream the dream  
In bold accord  
Come celebrate the journey now  
And praise the Lord

**Prayer of Praise**

Holy God, like a rushing wind  
your Spirit moved upon the first disciples  
on the day of Pentecost,  
and like a cleansing flame  
your Spirit fired up their hearts and minds  
with the good news of Jesus Christ.  
Send your Spirit upon your church  
in this time and in this place, in this season.  
Stir up our courage,  
and rouse us to be your witness,  
that we may join those early disciples  
to proclaim to the world  
your mighty deeds of power and love  
in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**First Reading - John 7:37-39**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**Music** "Spirit of the Living God"

*French Horns played by Kris Scaffidi, Lisa Charlton and Jim Wingate,  
organ played by Jim Wingate*

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Second Reading - Acts 2:1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: '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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Meditation**

### **Pentecost Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

*\* The prayer is edited from "Sequence to the Holy Spirit" on the Charis International website.*

*Come, Holy Spirit,  
send forth the heavenly  
radiance of your light.*

*Come, keeper of the poor,  
come, giver of gifts,  
come, light of the heart.*

*Greatest comforter,  
sweet guest of the soul,  
sweet consolation.*

*In labor, rest,  
in heat, cooling showers,  
in tears, solace.*

*O most blessed light,  
fill the inmost heart  
of your faithful.*

*Without your grace,  
there is nothing in us,  
nothing that is not harmful.*

*Cleanse that which is unclean,  
water that which is dry,  
heal that which is wounded.*

*Bend that which is inflexible,  
fire that which is chilled,  
correct what goes astray.*

*Give to your faithful  
the ability to trust in you,  
and the sevenfold gifts.*

*Grant the balm of grace,  
grant the deliverance of salvation,  
grant eternal joy.*

*And now we pray as Jesus taught us, saying:*

**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.**

## **Offering**

**Closing hymn** "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" tune: EBENEZER  
*Glory to God #280, verses 1 and 2*  
*(Jim Wingate on synthesizer with effects of*  
*Saxophone, Flute, String Bass, Percussion)*

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us,  
Come with Pentecostal power;  
Give the church a stronger vision,  
Help us face each crucial hour.  
Built upon a firm foundation,  
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,  
Still the church is called to mission  
That God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias  
For the grace of yesteryears;  
For tomorrow's unknown pathway,  
Hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey  
You have led us all the way,  
Still in presence move before us,  
Fire by night and cloud by day.

## **Benediction**

### **Doxology -**

*(Vocals by Allison Kelly and Ellette Burke, cello effect on synthesizer by Jim Wingate)*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.*  
*Praise Him, all creatures here below.*  
*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.*  
*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*  
*Amen.*