



DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Pentecost 2021

Celebration of Worship

Pentecost Sunday, May, 23, 2021,

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Prelude Come Down, O Love Divine Arr. Charles Callahan
Lee Wright, violin, Jason Cloen, organ

Words of Welcome The Rev. Deborah Fae Swift

Chime
Introit Every Time I Feel the Spirit Negro Spiritual
"Every time I feel the Spirit movin' in my heart, I will pray."

Call to Worship Kim McConnell

May we feel your presence this day, Holy Spirit, like the people gathered on that Day of Pentecost. May you rush into our hearts and inebriate our souls. May we be empowered by your Spirit to live a life more faithful to God.

When the world divides us

Come, Holy Spirit, and make us one.

When the world calls us orphaned

Come, Holy Spirit, and make us family.

When the world leads us astray

Come, Holy Spirit, and call us home.

Spirit of Life, rain down upon us.

Let our souls drink your goodness.

Let our hearts overflow.

Holy Spirit, rain down on this place!

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Come and fill this place!

Hymn Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us EBENEZER
(Music may be found at the end of the bulletin)

Prayer of Assurance (unison)

Gracious God, you come among your people
as One who fashioned all things,
who, face-to-face revealed your knowledge of our lives,
and whose presence brings assurance and hope.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love
so that in hearing and seeing the gifts of this life,
we may know the way to live in thanksgiving for all time and in all ways;
through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-13

Kim McConnell

From the *New Revised Standard Version*

Music for Reflection

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless

Everett Titcomb

*"I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you yet again: Alleluia.
And your heart, shall be joyful. Alleluia."*

Reflection

"Maintaining the Status Quo?"

Rev. Swift

Hymn

Spirit

SPIRIT

(Verses 1, 3, and 4 - Music may be found at the end of the bulletin)

Invitation to the Offering*

Offertory Anthem

Come Down, O Love Divine

Arr. John Leavitt

*"Come down, O Love divine, Seek out this soul of mine
And visit it with Your own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.
O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Your glorious light Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
And so the yearning strong With which the soul will long
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess God's grace, Till Love creates a place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling."*

Text: Bianco da Siena, Trans. Richard Frederick Littledale, alt.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Let songs rise up from earth below;
Let stars and galaxies enthrone;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One! Amen.

Prayers for Healing and Transformation

Rev. Swift

Prayer of Jesus

Blessed One, our source and support, holy is your name. May your love be enacted in the world. May your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

(Verses 1-3, Music may be found at the end of the bulletin)

Benediction

Rev. Swift

Postlude

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Tibor Pikéthy

Lee Wright, organ

Thank you to . . .

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Call to Worship adapted from Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church: "Holy Spirit, Rain Down on This Place: 21st Century Resource for the Day of Pentecost" at <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/holy-spirit-rain-down-on-this-place-21st-century-africana-worship-resources>

Prayer of Assurance adapted from the *Glory to God* online resources. PC(USA)

Lords' Prayer From *Voices Together*, the hymnal of the Mennonite Church USA (Harrisonburg, Virginia: MennoMedia, 2020).

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280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
 all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
 mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit

Refrain



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the



wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,



wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

E A D G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
 y, you called once a - gain when you
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A D G/A D A to Refrain

rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

289 On Pentecost They Gathered

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

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