



**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 23, 2021**

# Contemporary Service - 9:30 am

## Scripture for Meditation

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you." (Acts 1:8)

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Call to Worship

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## Praise and Prayer

### Alive & Breathing

Elle Limebear and Matt Maher  
CCLI Song # 7138680; © 2019 Be Essential Songs

## Prayer of Confession

### Holy Spirit

Bryan and Katie Torwalt  
CCLI Song # 6087919; © 2011 Jesus Culture

## Announcements

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## Scripture Reading

### Acts 2:1-21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Offering

*(Offerings are received weekly via mail, Realm, and online giving.  
Those attending live worship can leave their donations  
in the offering plates in the Narthex.)*

### Fresh Wind

Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood, David Ware & Matt Crocker  
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## Sermon

### Stirred Up by the Spirit

**Closing Song**

**Spirit of the Living God**

Jacob Sooter and Mia Fieldes  
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**Blessing**

**Postlude**

# Traditional Service - 11:00 am

## Scripture for Meditation

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.” (Acts 1:8)

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## Opening Hymn

## Come Down, O Love Divine

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Come down, O Love divine; seek Thou 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.

Oh, 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 out pass the power of human telling: for none can guess God's grace,  
till Love creates a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

## Responsive Prayer for Pentecost

Come, Spirit of wisdom,  
and teach us to value the highest of gifts.

**Come, Spirit of understanding, and show us all things  
in the light of eternity.**

Come, Spirit of counsel, and guide us along the straight and  
narrow path to our heavenly home.

**Come, Spirit of might, and strengthen us against  
every evil spirit and interest which would separate us from You.**

Come, Spirit of knowledge, and teach us the shortness of life  
and the length of eternity.

**Come, Spirit of godliness, and stir up our minds and hearts  
to love and serve the Lord our God all our days.**

Come, Spirit of fear of the Lord, and make us to tremble with awe  
and reverence before your divine majesty.

**Come, Holy Spirit! Rain upon our dry and dusty lives.**

**Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits.**  
Kindle within us the fire of your love to burn away our apathy.  
With warmth bend our rigidity, and guide our wandering feet.

### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

We confess, O God, that we are fearful of opening our lives to the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe the Spirit is given to release and empower the Church in the world, but we end up settling for poor substitutes. We limp through life and wonder why our faith lacks power. Forgive us God for trying to live life in our own strength and neglecting the power of prayer in our lives. Enable us all to open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit through prayer that we might be the Body of Christ you intend for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

*(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### **Response**

### **Glory Be to the Father**

**#961**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World without end. Amen, Amen.

### **Anthem**

### **Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

*(arr. Anna Laura Page)*

### **Doxology**

### **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Scripture Reading**

**Acts 2:1-21**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

### **Stirred Up by the Spirit**

### **Offering**

### **Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song**

*(John Carter)*

## Closing Hymn

## Spirit of God, Who Dwells Within My Heart

#618

(Verses 1, 4 & 5)

Spirit of God, who dwells within my heart,  
wean it from sin, through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are,  
and make me love you as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that you are always nigh;  
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
teach me the patience of unceasing prayer.

Teach me to love you as your angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame;  
the fullness of the heaven-descended Dove;  
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

## Benediction

## Postlude

## Trumpet Tune

(Nicholas Bowden)

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon  
Worship Leader  
Scripture Readers  
Worship Band (9:30)

Pianist (9:30)  
Director of Music  
Organist/Pianist (11:00)  
Prelude  
Anthem  
Audio/Visual Team

Rev. Dr. Spencer Lundgaard  
Rev. Greg Buell  
Cathy Burnham (9:30)  
Jay Charlesworth (guitar); Christine Cheung (synthesizer)  
Greg Dill, Renate Graham and Debra Valkenaar (vocals)  
Jim Peterson  
Ruth G. Heald  
Sharon Peterson  
Vadim Gluzman (violin), Angela Yoffe (piano)  
Chancel Bell Choir  
Ed Burton, Kyle Johnston, Barunka Szamaranszky

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# Reflection Questions

## Opening Discussion:

- If someone who knew you were a Christian asked you to tell them about the Holy Spirit, what would you say?

## Digging Deeper:

- Read Acts 2:1-4. Who is gathered together at the beginning of this passage? How many were there? (See Acts 1:15.)
- What does verse 1 reveal about the disciples and all the events leading up to Pentecost? Why do you think this was so?
- What two ways did the Holy Spirit manifest itself in verses 2 and 3?
- Paying close attention to each of the verbs used, what does the Holy Spirit do in verses 2-4? In these same verses, what do the disciples do?
- Read Acts 2:5-13. Who hears the believers speaking in different tongues? Where were all these people from? How many different places are listed? What is their response?
- Read Acts 2:14-21. How does Peter explain what is happening to the crowd that has gathered?
- Optional, if time allows: Peter is quoting Joel 2:28ff. Read Joel 2:1-27: What is the context for God pouring out his Spirit? What would this signify to the Jews listening to Peter?

## Life Application:

- Why did Jesus promise to send us the Holy Spirit? (See John 14:16-18, 26.)
- How have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your own life? When are you more likely to experience the Holy Spirit? Are there activities you can do to foster this?

## Suggestions for Prayer:

- Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit that unites you to the very heart of the Father.
- Pray for a deeper awareness of the Holy Spirit's activity in your life?
- Pray for openness to receive the Spirit's presence, comfort, guidance, conviction, direction, wisdom, knowledge, gifting, and power.
- Pray for a fuller measure of the Holy Spirit to fall upon you and those in your life.
- Pray for renewal in our church, our nation, and the world.