

WE GATHER
"CLUELESS AND CURIOUS FUTURE CHURCH".
PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 23RD, 2021

Introduction

Territorial Acknowledgment

Introit: "Though I May Speak." VU#372

WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Lighting of the Christ Candle: *(Rev. Roni)*

The spirit comes as wind and fire.

With the lighting of this Christ candle,
we still our minds and open our hearts,
seeking the spirit.

Come and visit us Holy Spirit.

Call to Worship:

We who have seen the goodness of our Lord,
we who have witnessed your great love,
we who have been blessed by you,
grant us childlike curiosity and an open faith,
help us to hold this posture of an open heart!
Come and visit us Holy Spirit.
Fill us anew!

Let us pray:

Opening Prayer:

Wind of God, present since before creation,
fall on us now.

Whisper to us.

Shout to us.

Comfort and guide us.

Alight on us anew.

and revive our own spirits to love and serve.

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

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Opening Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" VU#375

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, our hearts are at times indifferent
to the prompting of your Holy Spirit.

Sometimes we turn from your guidance and your inspiration.

The whispers and the shouts

do not always penetrate the noise of our daily lives.

We get in the way

and we cannot hear the wisdom available to us
through your Spirit of Truth.

Open our hearts to your holy whispers and shouts,
that we may testify to unseen hope, Amen.

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Words of Assurance: *(Rev. Roni)*

Come and visit us Holy Spirit. Come and pray in us Holy Spirit.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Preparation: *(Rev. Roni)*

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Open our hearts and minds and lives to your call
through this holy word. Amen.

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works -
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.
Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Praise the Lord!

One: We join our hearts in praise with our ancestors of faith.

ALL: We bless you O God with our heart, mind, body and soul.

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

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.'

Peter Addresses the Crowd

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."

One: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church?

ALL: Come and visit us Holy Spirit!

Come and pray in us Holy Spirit

Virtual Solo: "Spirit Open My Heart" MV#79
performed by: Elizabeth Henderson

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Sermon: "Clueless and Curious Future Church". (Rev. Roni)

Announcements: (Rev. Roni)

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Blessing:

**When we do not know how to pray,
your Holy Spirit prays for us
in sighs too deep for words.
Hear our prayers for goodness in the world.
Receive these gifts,**

**that they may help answer the Holy Spirit's hope
for all creation. Amen.**

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The Lighting of the Memory Candle

Pastoral Prayer:

SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

Hymn: "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" VU#378 vs.1 & 4

Benediction: *(Rev. Roni)*

Now that your curiosity is peaked,
may the Spirit of God, sent forth to create,
stir in your hearts and minds and souls
a vision of a new creation,
Go, Spirit-filled people. Go.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you this day and forevermore, **Amen!**

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Go now in peace:

Go now in peace, never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

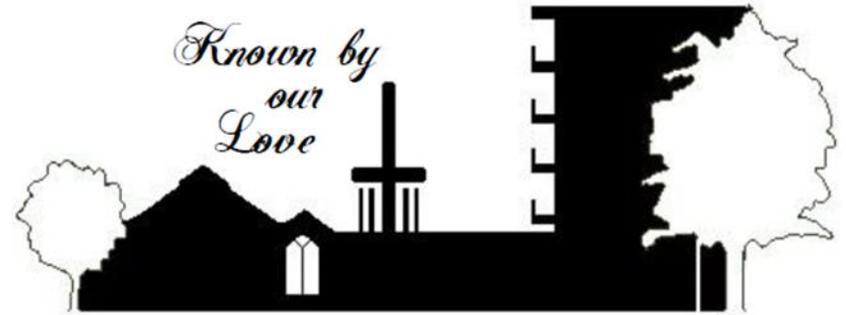
God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Postlude: "Dance With the Spirit." MV#156



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spiritual life and sharing God's love
and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.*

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