



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

“Strangely enough, the gift of Pentecost is the gift of something to say, a Word to speak in the brokenness and tragedy of the world, a word of good news and hope that is unlike any other word. Did you notice what happened to the church when the Spirit was given? It stood up and it spoke. It moved from silence to language.”

-Rev Dr. Thomas G. Long

Thank you for joining us today.

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***- stand if you wish to, and are comfortable.**

Congregational Responses in Bold

Ringling in the Hour & Lighting of Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Surely the Presence

***Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can feel the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.***

Call to Worship

adapted from enfleshed.com

Reader: Julie Ridl

One: Come Holy Spirit,

Many: *Speak in a dialect our hearts understand.*

One: Come Holy Spirit,

Many: *Bless us with the gifts we need to co-labor towards justice.*

One: Come Holy Spirit,

Many: *Make vivid our dreams about the ways of beloved community.*

One: Come Holy Spirit,

Many: *Pour your vitality over our lives in this hour.*

***Opening Hymn**

Send Us Your Spirit

violinist: Paul Kerney

(Green Gather Hymnal #470)

Unison Prayer

True North Opening Prayer

Spirit of light, source of all goodness, we are grateful for this time together to share our love and light. Open our hearts and minds to each other and your loving presence. Guide us, grant us peace and compassion. Give us courage to be sharing people and to respect one another. Help us grow together. Be present with us in this hour and as we go out into the world, knowing that you are with us and within us always. Amen.

Assurance of Grace and Peace

One: Peace be with you.

Many: *And also with you.*

One: Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

Passing the Peace

Peace I Leave With You

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.

Not as the world gives, I give my peace to you.

Not as the world gives, I give my peace to you.

Words of Integration & Guidance
Rev. Daniel Plasman, from *Jesus, A Life*

Making room for the new while attempting to hang on to the old is an issue that plagued the early church. Many insisted on merely adding Jesus as a supplement to the established religious traditions, suggesting that Jesus *plus* something creates what God intends. Here are some ways, past and present, that spiritual math works out. Jesus + circumcision = church membership. Jesus + kosher foods = a religious diet. Jesus + speaking in tongues = mature Christianity. Jesus + male gender = godly leadership. Jesus + heterosexual orientation = traditional values. Jesus + free enterprise = God's economy. Jesus + military dominance = one nation under God.

Spirit for All

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading from the Christian Scripture **Acts 2:1-13 (adapted)**
One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson

One: The Holy Gospel according to **Luke 5:36-39**
All: Glory to you, O Christ.
One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Familiar Ways are Hard to Give Up

Rev. Jody Betten

Offering & Offertory

Church on Fire
(by Russell Fragar)
Jeff Spangler and Lauri Donaldson

Joys & Concerns/ Tibetan Prayer Bell

One: Thanks be to God! **All: Alleluia!**
One: O God, **All: Hear our prayer.**

***Doxology**

Give Thanks to the Lord

***Give thanks to the Lord for God is good, and God's mercy shall endure,
For God alone has done marv'lous things, give thanks unto the Lord.
God made the earth and heaven with a strong and mighty hand.
God has moved us to sing, proclaim this song! Give thanks unto our God.
(please be seated)***

Celebration of Holy Communion

One: God be with you.

Many: ***And also with you.***

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: ***We lift them up to God.***

One: Let us give thanks to God.

Many: ***It is good to give God thanks & praise***

Creation's Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

***Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed the One who comes in the name of the Lord, in the name of our God.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

Breaking of the Bread

The Body of Christ

***This is the body of Christ, broken that we may be whole;
this cup, as promised by God, true to God's word, cradles our Lord;
Food for the good of the soul.***

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

(gluten-free option, non-alcoholic juice in trays)

The Bread of Life, the Gift of Heaven. **Amen.**

The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. **Amen.**

These are the gifts of God for you today!

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer (based on a translation from Aramaic)

Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your Presence here. Imagine your possibilities now. Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults. Help us not forget our Source, yet free us from not being in the Present. From you arises every vision, power and song from gathering to gathering.

Amen - May our future actions grow from here!

***Hymn of Sending**

Send Down the Fire
(Green Gather Hymnal #466)

***Benediction**

Postlude

Sweet, Sweet Spirit (Doris Akers)
Peter Black

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470 Send Us Your Spirit

Refrain

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Come Lord Je-sus, send us your Spir-it, re - new the face of the
 earth. Come Lord Je-sus, send us your Spir-it, re -
 new the face of the earth.

Verses




1. Come to us, Spir - it of God, breathe in us
 2. Fill us with the fire of your love, burn in us
 3. Send us the wings of new birth, fill all the
 now, we sing to - geth - er. Spir - it of
 now, bring us to - geth - er. Come to us,
 earth with the love you have taught us. Let all cre -
 hope and of light, fill our lives,
 dwell in us, change our lives, O Lord,
 a - tion now be shak - en with love,
 D.C.
 come to us, Spir - it of God.
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 come to us, Spir - it of God.

**May be sung in canon.*

466 Send Down the Fire

Refrain



Send down the fire of your jus - tice,
Send down the rains of your love; Come,
send down the Spir - it, breathe life in your peo - ple, and
we shall be peo - ple of God.

Verses



1. Call us to be your com - pas - sion,
2. Call us to learn of your mer - cy,
3. Call us to an - swer op - pres - sion,
4. Call us to wit - ness your King - dom,
Teach us the song of your love; Give us
Teach us the way of your peace; Give us
Teach us the fire of your truth; Give us
Give us the pres - ence of Christ; May your
hearts that sing, Give us deeds that ring, Make us
hearts that feel, Give us hands that heal, Make us
right - eous souls, 'Til your jus - tice rolls, Make us
ho - ly light Keep us shin - ing bright, Ev - er
ring with the song of your love.
walk in the way of your peace.
burn with the fire of your truth.
shine with the pres - ence of Christ.