



**DOUGLAS UCC**  
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

**Order of Service for Sunday, May 28, 2023**

## **Pentecost Sunday**

**Thank you for joining us today.**

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**\*- stand if you wish to, and are able.**

**Congressional Responses in Bold**

**Prelude**     *Song for the Fallen* (flute solo: Lauri Donaldson)

**Peter Black**

(Please use this time for quiet reflection and preparation for worship)

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Lighting of Altar Candles & Ringing in the Hour**

Let us recognize the light of the world within us and ring in the hour of worship.

**Introit** (please stand)

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 wings, I see glory on each face.*

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

## **Call to Worship**

**D. McRae-McMahon**

**Reader: Michael Valdez**

One: God's Spirit calls us into the future. God's Spirit calls us to new vision. God's Spirit calls us in compassionate love.

***Many: Now is the time! Come, warm into the rock of our beginnings, alive with original blessings.***

One: Spirit, run in the streets of the city.

***Many: Flow to the deep brown roots of our belonging.***

One: Spirit, invade the air.

***Many: Stretch widely with whispering wings, and cover us with your healing.***

One: Spirit, soar in the mobile phone towers and shop fronts.

***Many: Carry the seed, call the song of the dance in the heart of God. Wake us to hope and freedom. Amen.***

## **\*Opening Hymn,**

*Send Us Your Spirit*

(Green Gather Hymnal No.470)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

## **Unison Prayer**

***On this Memorial Day weekend, we give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy, for opportunities to flourish. Thank you, Loving Creator, for a day set apart, not just for celebration, but also for solemn remembrance of those who have given their lives for these freedoms. God of peace, stir in the hearts of leaders of all nations. Give them a passion for peace. Dear God, help us to establish true peace and justice in this world and experience heaven here on earth. 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**

*Spirit, Fill Me*

*Spirit come and fill me, fill me with your peace.*

*Fill me with your joy and your love.*

*Spirit come and show me. Show me how to care.*

*Show me how to share your light.*

*Help me give my hand to those in need.*

*Let my heart be open to receive.*

*When we share your love we can work together to heal this broken world.*

*Spirit come and fill us. Fill us with your peace.*

*Fill us with your joy and your love. Spirit come and show us.*

*Show us how to care. Show us how to share your light.*

## **Words of Integration & Guidance**

**Rev. Ian Lawton**

Something incredible happened to a group of first century Jews at the time that is known as Pentecost. The miracle was not a miracle of speaking in tongues. The miracle was that everyone present heard in a way that made sense to them. They “got it” simultaneously. They caught the vision that earlier Hebrew Prophets had spoken about. It was a vision of unity. The incredible thing is that people of many cultures heard and understood the vision in their own way. Children caught the vision. Adults caught the vision. The poor and oppressed caught the vision. They were all one. They were all together, by themselves. Today we gather in spiritual community. We are from a number of different backgrounds. We use different language to describe the mystery that sources our joy. Some of us take more of a left-brain approach -- linear and logical. Some of us take a more right-brain approach -- creative and open-ended. The miracle won't be conformity. The miracle will be a shared vision that finds strength in diversity.

# **Fire & Spirit**

## **The Words of Holy Scripture**

One: A Reading of Scripture from Exodus 3:1-12

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: *Thanks be to God.***

## **New Testament Lesson**

One: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

**All: *Glory to you, O Christ.***

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: *Praise to you, O Christ.***

## **Homily**

“Fire & Spirit,” Rev. Salvatore Sapienza

## **Offering & Offertory**

*Church on Fire*

**Jeff Spangler, Lauri Donaldson, Peter Black**

Composer: Russell Frager

## **Joys & Concerns/Tibetan Prayer Bell**

One: Thanks be to God!

**Many: *Alleluia!***

One: O God,

**Many: *Hear our prayer.***

## **\*Doxology**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow*

***Praise God from whom all blessing flow.***

***Praise God all creatures here below.***

***Praise God for all that Love has Done.***

***Creator, Christ, and Spirit one! Creator, Christ, and Spirit One***

## **\*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, Holy Lord God of Hosts.*

*Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!*

*Blessed is the One who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!*

*(Please be seated)*

## **Breaking of the Bread** *A Communion Hymn*

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again.*

*Pass the Word around: Loaves abound!*

*(Repeat - first time quietly, second time louder)*

## **Sharing of the Bread & Cup**

*(grape juice only on both sides of the aisle)*

Receive the Bread of Life. *Amen.*

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

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

*Our Mother/Father, always and everywhere, 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 trespasses, as we forgive*

*those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us*

*from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.*

**\*Hymn of Sending**

*Send Down the Fire*

(Green Gather Hymnal No.466)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

**Peter Black**

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# 470 Send Us Your Spirit

Refrain

\*1. 2.

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,  
 come to us, Spir - it of God.  
 come to us, Spir - it of God.  
 come to us, Spir - it of God.

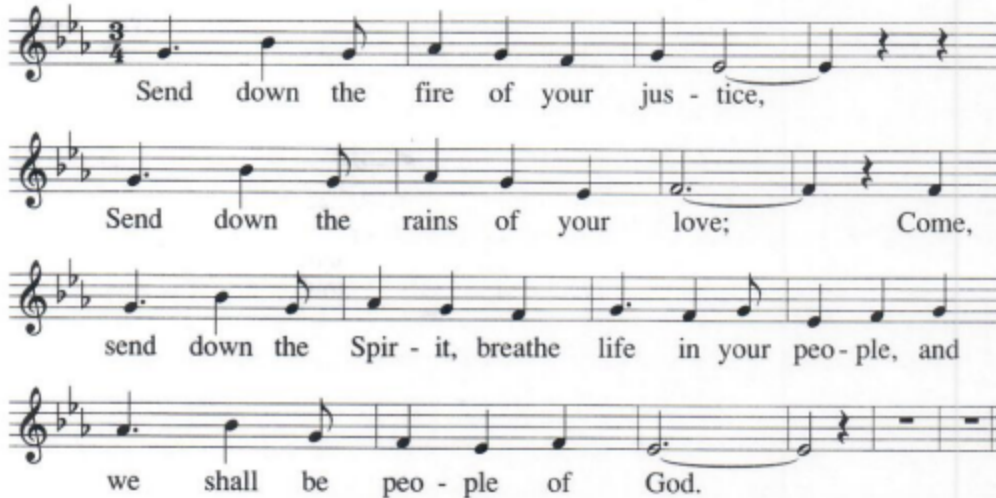
**D.C.**

*\*May be sung in canon.*

Text: David Haas, b.1957  
 Tune: David Haas, b.1957; arr. by Jeanne Cottler, b.1964

## 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. D.C.  
walk in the way of your peace.  
burn with the fire of your truth.  
shine with the pres - ence of Christ.