

Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2014 ♦ 11:00 a.m. Worship

Welcome

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude *"Awesome God"* Chavez

Sermon Text Video Acts 2:1-21 (The Message)

Introit *"Come Down, O Love Divine"* Carillon Bells

*Call to Worship

Leader: On this day of Pentecost, as we worship,

People: May God pour out his great Spirit upon us.

Leader: May the power and promise of that day long ago,

People: Renew us and our church on this Pentecost day.

Leader: In our worship, may our hearts be set afire with enthusiasm,

People: And may our lives show forth with energy and courage as we live the Good News of new life.

***Opening Hymn #2117** *"Spirit of God"* (insert)

*Centering Prayer

On Pentecost Day long ago, your great Spirit came upon the saints in Jerusalem. May your Spirit come upon us and this community of faith here this day. We welcome the flame and light of your Spirit here in this place today. Renew us with an energized faith and affirm us as your people here to worship and celebrate with strength, courage and hope in Christ. Amen.

Celebration of Graduates

Special Music "Praise His Holy Name" Sanctuary Choir

Ministry of the Word Psalm 104 (NLT)

Leader: "The Word of God for the People of God."

People: "Thanks be to God."

Children's Message

***Hymn of Preparation #328** *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"*

Sermon "Amazed and Perplexed" Rev. Bates

Pentecost Litany of Response (insert)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer #895

Offering & Offertory "Spirit of the Living God" Chavez

*Doxology (#94)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and generous God, we pray that your life would so overflow in us that our neighbors both near and far would be fed by your Spirit. Use the offerings of our resources and our lives to proclaim the gospel, spread your love and bring forth your kingdom. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

***Closing Hymn #558** *"We Are the Church"*

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe God whirled fire and wind into a closed room to stir up the hesitant and cautious disciples.

We believe God still stirs things up, turns things upside down, sets people on fire with inspiration and zeal.

We believe the Holy Spirit moves unexpectedly, creating opportunity, guiding reconciliation, fostering community.

The Holy Spirit will not be housebroken or bound by narrow rules or closed minds or doors. The Holy Spirit is like wind and fire, and we believe the church is most alive when we dare to cooperate with the surprising, creating, loving Spirit of God.

*Benediction

***Postlude** "I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

**For those who are able, please stand*

Pentecost Litany of Response

Leader: The church was born in the mind of God, in the body of Jesus, in the fellowship of the Twelve with him.

People: It was born in power and unity at the first Christian Pentecost.

Leader: We claim to be a part of that church, O God,

People: But we need power, the power of your Holy Spirit.

Leader: Your Spirit kindles devotion that is pleasing to you:

People: Empower our services of worship!

Leader: Your Spirit assists in the reading of your Word:

People: Make us more faithful students of the Scriptures!

Leader: Your Spirit prods us to notice neighbors in need and to secure a fair deal for them:

People: Assist our ministries of compassion and make us, individually, agents of your mercy.

Leader: Your Spirit moves and enables us to put in a good word for our Lord and for his church:

People: Help us to know when to speak up and when to keep silent, and grant us courage along with the right words.

Leader: May we learn from your Spirit how to speak simply, winsomely, about our love for Jesus and for his church,

People: So that our friends may be moved to ask themselves the right questions and find the answers in him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Leader: Gracious Father, grant us who are your Son's church in this place, renewal of spirit through your Spirit,

People: That we more faithfully live up to the challenges you have for us.

Leader: We remember with thanksgiving all who have been celebrating Pentecost in this church for the past (NUMBER) years;

People: And we pray that this Pentecost and all future Pentecosts may find us, as a congregation, more outreaching, caring less about ourselves and more for those about whom you care the most: the weak, the needy, the unloved.

Leader: "Descend, O Spirit, purging flame. Brand us this day with Jesus' name!"

People: Confirm our faith, consume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, within, without." Amen.

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