

**Sunday June 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday**

Prelude and Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We have heard about the storied fires of God: fires that lead lost people in the wilderness at night and burn without consuming a green-leafed bush; and come down from the heavens on the wings of Elijah's prayer, consuming the faint hearts of false prophets.

People: **On this day of Pentecost, it is the spirits of ordinary people that catch fire with joy, consuming the attitudes and customs that divide them, creating goodwill between them.**

Leader: The Spirit that is Holy appears in those who discover and delight in each other.

People: **May it again be so! May such flames dance in us, may we be on fire with the possibility of sharing life in love, and may we spread this fire on!**

ALL: **Let us worship God Who sends the Spirit to lead us forward!**

***Hymn #59:** "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and ever gracious God, we confess that we have failed to open our hearts to the power of your Spirit. We continue the divisions of Babel, speaking in tongues that confound rather than clarify, hurt rather than heal, separate rather than unify. Though we are not deserving, we pray for the gift of fellowship that confirms your presence among us. Restore our fractured lives that we, with one voice, may ever give you thanks and praise. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Grace

God's grace is sufficient for all. That which we regret is redeemed and we are given the courage to live new lives as a forgiven people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

(For those in the sanctuary, please stand and turn to one another and by word and gesture that is comfortable to you, greet one another. For those in remote locations be aware that you too are included in the peace that Christ gives us all.)

Response Hymn #261 (verse 1): “Let Every Christian Pray”

Let every Christian pray, this day and every day,
come, Holy Spirit, come! Was not the church we love
commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Reading from the Hebrew Testament: Genesis 11:1-9

Mike Crompton

Anthem

Time with Young Disciples

Reading from the book of Acts: Acts 2: 1-11

Sermon: “Spirit Equipped, Spirit Driven”

***Hymn #286:** “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

The Community at Prayer

(Joys and Concerns, Prayers for the People, Lord’s Prayer)

Prayer Response

Offertory

Inspired by the Spirit working within us, let us receive our offerings this morning for the work of this church and for the Strengthen the Church offerings of the United Church of Christ.

(Opportunities to give for the ministries of this church are available through an offering plate during service, by mailing your gift to the church office, or by signing up for electronic giving through our website.)

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

Prayer of Dedication

O God, on this day of Pentecost we celebrate your Spirit so freely given and so powerfully active within your church. As that Spirit moves in our midst, may it inspire us towards generosity and fire us with an energy to serve you well. We ask this in the name of Christ whose promise of ever-presence the Spirit fulfills. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Leader: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?

People: Shall we come before God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Leader: God has showed you, O people, what is good; and what does the Holy One require of you?

People: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love.....as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution and Consecration

Sharing the Elements

There are gluten free crackers in the center of the bread plate. The cups toward the center are filled with wine and the cups around the outer area are filled with non-alcoholic beverage.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn #292: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

*Postlude