

Covenant Community Church



Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: God declares: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh. Your daughters and sons shall prophesy.

People: The young shall see visions. The elders shall dream dreams.

Leader: Both men and women shall prophesy

People: And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Confession

Leader: Call to Confession

Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships and promises to show mercy

People: Prayer of Confession

Holy and Merciful God. we do not know how to pray as we ought, and we know too well our constant failures to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way, keep us in your care, and lead us into faith. We trust your word that the Spirit of Truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace. Amen

Leader: Declaration of Forgiveness

People of God, body of Christ, sister and brothers, the Spirit of God's truth has come upon creation and upon you, to interpret the mysteries of eternal time. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Christ Jesus, our Savior, and by the authority of the church, I declare to you the complete forgiveness of your sin. Be at peace with one another because of God's mercy.

Hymn #275 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Chorus:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing;
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” [Chorus]

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand
and you gifted your people with the law and a land;
and where they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. [Chorus]

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. [Chorus]

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. [Chorus]

Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

Scripture Acts 2:1-21

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

Hymn #283 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love whate'er you love,
and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
so that your will is mine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

We Are Sent into the World

Closing Hymn #395

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Chorus:

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
till I asked my Lord if all was mine. [Chorus]

Jordan river, chilly and cold,
it chills the body, but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track;
it runs to heaven and then right back. [Chorus]

Benediction

Benediction Response

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you, give you, give you peace.*

Leader: Go in Peace. Love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

We Fellowship Together

Virtual Coffee Time and Sharing

Helping Us Worship

Minister to the Congregation:

Rev. Jeannette Conner

Music Leader:

Peter Olson

Scripture Reader:

Julie Smith

Acts 2:1-21

¹ On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

⁵ At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

⁷ They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, ⁸ and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! ⁹ Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” ¹² They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other.

¹³ But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, “They’re just drunk, that’s all!”

¹⁴Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this.
¹⁵These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. ¹⁶No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:
¹⁷‘In the last days,’ God says,
 ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.
 Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
 Your young men will see visions,
 and your old men will dream dreams.
¹⁸In those days I will pour out my Spirit
 even on my servants—men and women alike—
 and they will prophesy.
¹⁹And I will cause wonders in the heavens above
 and signs on the earth below—
 blood and fire and clouds of smoke.
²⁰The sun will become dark,
 and the moon will turn blood red
 before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives.
²¹But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
 will be saved.’

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