

FULL TEXT

Worship Celebration: May 31, 2020
EPWORTH: a United Methodist Church

10:00 a.m. (BLENDED WORSHIP)
Pentecost (Year A)



Welcome to Epworth on this Pentecost Sunday, where we celebrate the birth of the church! Long ago, after Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples gathered in one place to pray and to wait. Jesus had promised “power from on high” in Luke 24:49, and they waited to receive that power, as a community. Often we think of the Holy Spirit’s work in individual’s lives, and the Spirit does change each of us. However, the emphasis throughout the book of Acts remains on the community. Although Peter (and later, Saul/Paul) play major roles in this drama, the author, Luke, sets the stage for the Holy Spirit to take the lead, and to be accessible to everyone in the community! This week, we celebrate the gift of that Spirit to all who follow Jesus, as we renew our baptismal vows as a gathered online community.

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VISION: Exploring Faith, Embracing Community
MISSION: Inviting All, Finding Your Place, Connecting to God, Demonstrating Care

✠ ENTER GOD'S HOUSE WITH PRAISE ✠

Countdown Concerto

Doug Yetter

Invocation

HOLY SPIRIT

There's nothing worth more that could ever come close.
No thing can compare; You're our living hope.
Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone.
Your presence, Lord.

*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here.
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
to be overcome by Your presence, Lord.
Your presence, Lord. {Repeat to top}*

Let us become more aware of Your presence.
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness. {Repeat section 4X total – then 1st four lines of Chorus}¹

Greeting, Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth

Gwen

*Opening Hymn

Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us

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1. Holy Spirit, come, confirm us in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding through your helping gifts alone.
2. Holy Spirit, come, console us, come as advocate to plead;
loving Spirit from the Father, grant in Christ the help we need.
3. Holy Spirit, come, renew us, come yourself to make us live;
holy through your loving presence, holy through the gifts you give.
4. Holy Spirit, come, possess us, you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father, Holy Spirit of the Son.

Children's Celebration

Gwen Osborne

✠ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ✠

BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit come invade us now.
We are Your church; We need Your pow'r in us.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. \

Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Brothers and Sisters,

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

\$Thanks be to God

BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE (CONT)

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;

Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.

To see the captives' hearts released; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.

We are Your church; We pray, revive this earth.

Build Your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear.

Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.

Set Your church on fire. Win this nation back.

Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray! ²

✠THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT✠

Introduction

Vicki

Sisters and brothers in Christ:
through the sacrament of baptism
God's Spirit has been poured out upon water,
water poured over and immersing us,
water that flows freely for all who will receive it,
water from the streams of God's saving power and justice,
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,
water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.

Today we come to the waters,
to renew our commitments
in each other's presence
to Christ who has raised us,
the Spirit who has birthed us,
and the Creator who is making all things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

**We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior,
put our whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as our Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are,
and in all that you do?

**We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

Let us pray.

Remember that you are baptized, and rejoice!

§ Amen.

Sung Response:

TUNE: LAND OF REST

There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one Father of us all.

Explanation of Offering ~ Please sign the blue Connections Pad and pass it down the row.

Vicki and Linda

*Offerings are given through cash and check, on-line giving, Texting at 302-488-0038
and by using our Giving Kiosk in the main lobby. There are Giving Cards in the pews to place in the plate, if you wish
Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!*

Offertory:

HOLY SPIRIT, RAIN DOWN

*Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down; O Comforter and Friend, How we need Your touch again;
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down; Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard,
Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word; Holy Spirit rain down. {Refrain}*

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind can know what God has in store,
So open up Heaven, open it wide, over Your church and over our lives. {Refrain}

Rain down, rain down.

Rain down, rain down. Rain ³

Morning Prayer

Gwen

The Lord's Prayer

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§ Our Father, who art in heaven, 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.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

☞ SHARE GOD'S GRACE WITH THE WORLD ☛

***Benediction (Sung)**

Vicki

Now walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave. AMEN.

*Sending Song

THE RIVER

I know a place, where we can go, to lay the troubles down eatin' your soul,
I know a place, where mercy flows, take the stains, make you whiter than snow.
Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside, a current that moves and makes it come alive.
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

We're goin' down to the river, down to the river, down to the river to pray, ay, ay.

Let's get washed by the water, washed by the water and rise up in amazing grace.

Let's go down, down, down, to the river. You will leave changed.

Let's go down, down, down, to the river. Never the same.

I've seen it move, in my own life, took me from dusty roads into paradise.
All of my dirt, all of my shame, drowned in the streams that've made me born again.
Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside, a current that moves and makes it come alive.
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh. {Chorus}

TAG 1: *Let's go down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

Let's go down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)

Let's go down. {Chorus}

TAG 2: *Oh, down. (Oo... Oo... Oo...)*

Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace.

Down, down, down to the river.

Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go down in amazing grace. ⁴

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Bulletins for the month of May are sponsored in loving memory of Robert Greenawalt's death 8 years ago, May 5, by his Wife and Family.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and

Stephen Ministers, wearing blue name badges, will be at each service if anyone in the Epworth family wants to talk about any life challenges.

The **special Peace Candle on the Chancel** shines to remind us of God's desire for peace throughout our world and our call to be God's peacemakers.

DVD and Broadcast Ministries: All Church Service at Epworth are presented using multimedia technology. The screens above the Chancel area are used for text, videos, photographs and live cameras. Each service is digitally recorded for archive purposes as well as for distribution to our homebound members on DVD. These recording may also be broadcast or archived on our web page. Therefore, you may, at any time, be seen and recorded on camera - anywhere throughout the Sanctuary.

Acolyte

Sound Sharon Wert, Josh Megee, Arne Jerfsten, Karen Kaufman, Sofia Tamburello, Tommy Vyas

Ushers Head Usher: Jim Blakeslee

Usher Coordinator - Worship Pathway:

9:30:

Worship Resources

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