

**Pentecost Sunday May 28, 2023**

**~ We Gather in God's Presence ~**

*+Please rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude

Welcome

Introit "Father, We Love You" Adkins/arranged Becky Correa

*"Father, we love you, we worship and adore you. Glorify your name in all the earth."*

Call to Worship

In those days, says the Lord –

**In those days after Jesus rose from the dead, in those days when no one really knew what was going on or what was going to happen –**

In those days God exhaled the Holy Spirit.

**And when the disciples pushed out their fear**

And as dancing flames heralded the arrival of something new

**And as the birth cry was the cries of many languages, all understood –**

In those days, the church was born, out of fear and fire,

**With joy and awe.**

The church was born.

**Our church.**

God's church.

**Let us worship God.**

+Hymn "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" #230

Responsive Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Can you bottle a breeze? Can you blow out a forest fire? Can you help but breathe?

**For those times we stifle your Spirit, O God;**

**For those times we ignore your whispers and shouts;**

**For those times when we turn away from your wonders and miracles: Forgive us.**

The breeze is loosed on the world. The fire is consumed. We breathe deeply, for indeed, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

A Word for All Ages

Singing Praises to God "Gloria Patri" #558

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

The Word Acts 2:1-21 Many Voices

Anthem "The Fruits Of The Spirit" Natalie Sleeth

*"I will pour out my spirit saith the Lord from on high, and the young shall see visions and the old prophesy. All your sons and your daughters shall grow strong and increase, for the fruits of the spirit shall be love, joy, and peace. I will pour out my spirit saith the lord day by day, and all those who receive it shall in truth find the way. From their woe and their sorrow they will soon know release, for the fruits of the spirit shall be love, joy, and peace. I will pour out my spirit saith the Lord forever more, and the faith of my people once again I'll restore. They shall hope for the Kingdom where delights never cease, for the fruits of the spirit shall be love, joy, and peace."*

Reflection "Holy Spirit Activate"

+Hymn "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" #235

**~ We Respond to God with our Prayers and Offerings ~**

Prayers of God's People

Sung Call to Prayer "Spirit of the Living God" #226 vs1

*Silence*

Sharing our Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**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.**

Prayer Response

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

+Doxology #563

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, comforter; One God triune, whom we adore. Amen.***

+Prayer of Dedication

**God of fire and power, when we give from that deep place, we feel ourselves turned inside out. New things are possible. Lives are transformed. The world is changed. Bless these gifts, and use them in our local community and across the world. Amen.**

**~ We Go Forth to Share What God's Love Looks Like ~**

+Hymn "Come, Holy Spirit" #232

Benediction

Sung Benediction "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" #377 last line

*"Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms."*