

CELEBRATING THE SABBATH
Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020 at 10 o'clock



You may resist the invasion of an army, but you cannot resist the invasion of an idea.

Victor Hugo

PRELUDE

*Chorale Prelude on "DOWN AMPNEY"
("Come Down, oh Love Divine")*

Claude Means

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

WE COME TO WORSHIP

We join in worship on this day of Pentecost! A day we celebrate the outpouring of the Spirit of God.

Beginning in Jerusalem and extending out to all the peoples of the world.

Originally a day when the division of different languages and cultures was transcended by the Holy Spirit. The good news came to them in their own language – appropriate to each culture and region.

A miracle of speech

A miracle of hearing

A miracle of understanding

A miracle of faith – passing one to another

The Holy Spirit is alive in our world; making us prophets and witnesses to what we have seen and heard of the continuing work of the Spirit.

HYMN:

On Pentecost They Gathered

[Click here to see hymn](#)

Join as you are able!

Verse 1:

**On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.**

**Verse 2: God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
 on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
 That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
 The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.**

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OPENING PRAYER

God promised through a prophet long ago: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh. Our sons and daughters shall prophesy, the young see visions, and the old dream dreams. God's spirit opens minds and hearts to make the commonplace exceptional. We want to see and hear, and feel the Spirit's work in our lives. Come, Holy Spirit, to make all things new; light the flame of God's love for the world in our lives. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Lauren Dube

PENTECOST FLAME PASS

ANTHEM

You Are the Song
The First Church Virtual Choir, with guests, the Streetlight Shakers

Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2: 1-21

Jimmy Quinn

SERMON

Welcome Holy Spirit!

Erica Avena

A TIME OF PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

Offertory

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr
("All Glory Be to God on High")

Friedrich Zachau

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Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN:

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Join as you are able!

[Click here to see hymn](#)

Refrain: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Verse 1: Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so fine, ask my Lord if all was mine.

Verse 2: I have heartache, I have woe, I have trouble here below.
While God leads me I'll not fear, I am sheltered by God's care.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Charles Goodwin, Trumpet

arr. John Carter