



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON

To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know Jesus Christ and grow, share and serve as his disciples.

Day of Pentecost

May 28th, 2023 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE “Amazing Grace” International

WELCOME

INTROIT Every Time I Feel the Spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

There are varieties of gifts and varieties of services but the same Spirit and the same Lord.

and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

We are the body and all the members of this body, though many, are one body in Christ.

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

May we sing to You as long as we live;
 May we sing praise to You while we have being.
 May our meditation be pleasing to you,
 for we rejoice in you Lord. Amen

HYMN PH #285 BH #314 “Like the Murmur of the Dove Song”

CALL TO CONFESSION: - based on John 3:6-8; 16:8, NRSV

Do not marvel that Jesus says to us, “You must be born again.” What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit, who convicts us of sin and leads us into all righteousness. Let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Come, Holy Spirit,

Fill us.

Come, Holy Breath,

Live in us.

Come, Holy Wind,

Move through us.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God
 are the children of God.

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves,
 so that you live in fear again.

**Where we are led by other impulses
 we become slaves again,
 and our way of being is guided by fear.**

Where we are guided by prejudice,

Fill us with love.

Where we are guided by pessimism,

Fill us with joy.

Where we are guided by misunderstanding,

Fill us with peace.

Where we are guided by superficial quick-fixes,

Fill us with patience.

Where we are guided by self-interest,

Fill us with kindness.

Where we are guided by apathy,

Fill us with goodness.

Where we are guided by convenience,

Fill us with faithfulness.

Where we are guided by complacency,

Fill us with meekness.

Where we are guided by temptation,

Fill us with self-control.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Fill us.

Come, Holy Breath,

Live in us.

Come, Holy Wind,

Move through us. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON: —based on Ezekiel 36:24-28, NIV

“I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees. You will be my people, and I will be your God.” Friends in Christ: by the power of the Spirit, we are united with Christ and given a new spirit. Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God whom we long to know, burning fire within our souls, grant to us the tongues like fire, the sound of rushing wind, your descending Holy Spirit, that in knowing your Word we might know your presence, that in following your ways we might live in your light. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Numbers 11:24-30

24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. **25** Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

26 Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. **27** And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” **28** And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” **29** But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!” **30** And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

ANTHEM

“The Gift of Love”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: John 7:37-38; 20:19-23

37 On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, **38** and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ”

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send

you.” **22** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

SERMON Anointed by the Holy Spirit

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

Have you ever tried to do something under your own power and fallen short?

How do you need the Spirit’s power to obey God today?

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER

HYMN BH #320 “The Lone, Wild Bird”

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

Let us offer our gifts, tithes and offerings to the Lord joy! It is our Good Father in Heaven who gives us every good gift. Let us celebrate God’s goodness to us. Let us pray...

God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that have been poured out upon your children. Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth, through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

(If you would like a written prayer request included in our prayers today, please indicate that and an usher will collect them)

(Financial Offerings can be placed in dropbox located in the New Narthex)

Will the Usher Please come forward.

OFFERTORY “Patriotic Medley” Morris Fulcher

DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God our Father, fill our lives with your compassion; may we live in the generosity of forgiveness. For those who cannot believe and give their lives in the service of others, Lord, we pray. For the church, ferment of communion: Lord, make your light shine upon her. O Christ, light from above, come and visit all those who are in darkness; show them the way of your love. Support those who are going through times of difficulty and discouragement, O source of confidence and life. Guide us by your Spirit so that we may accomplish the will of your love; give us new hearts. Amen.

LORD'S 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.

HYMN Ph #66 BH # 315 “Every time I feel the Spirit”

CHARGE

The Spirit descends like a dove,
bringing peace to unite the world
in a just and caring community.

**The Spirit comes like a breath,
bringing life to renew the people of God.**

The Spirit spreads like fire,
bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

**Spirit of the living God,
come to us and transform our lives by your power.**

BENEDICTION “God be with You Till We Meet Again”

POSTLUDE

Peace be with you!
...and also with you!

Flowers on the Communion Table given in Celebration of Church by Nancy Parkin