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*Pentecost Sunday - Communion*

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**Celebrations**

The 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for **John & Chris Tewsley**  
The 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday for **Roscoe Moorman**  
The 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday for **John Bowman**

The Service leaflets are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of **Ray Duncan** from his wife Elva & family.

**Life and Work of the Community**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Called to be the church.

**All: Called to experience the wind and fire of the Holy.**

One: Called to a renewed sense of mission and action. Let us worship!

**All: Let us worship. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: VU376**

“Spirit of the Living God”

- 1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
- 2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

**Opening Prayer:**

One: Holy One, your wind blows among and within us on this Pentecost Sunday, your fire burns within our souls as we come together to worship and celebrate Your Spirit.

**All: As we are touched by your wind and energized by your fire, Holy One, we are transformed by your Spirit, inspired by your presence and comforted by your love.**

One: As your wind blows and your fire burns, do we understand the responsibility that means for us? If we understand that responsibility, do we accept it? If we accept it, are we prepared to live it? Hear us in the privacy of our own hearts as we offer up to you our prayers for growth and rebirth... (Silent Prayer). Amen.

**All: Amen.**

## Words of Assurance:

One: As the Holy Wind blows and the Holy Fire glows, we are promised the presence of the Spirit.

All: **We are blessed. We are forgiven. We are loved.**

## First Lesson:

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

<sup>3b</sup> No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

<sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

<sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> 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.

## Young at Heart Hymn: VU537

“Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands”

1 Your work, O God, needs many hands  
to help you everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve  
unless our gifts we share.

2 Because we love you and your work,  
our offering now we make:  
be pleased to use it as your own,  
we ask for Jesus' sake.

## Young at Heart Time

### Second Lesson:

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>2:1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

<sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘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.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

One: As the Holy One speaks to us from the stories of our faith history, may we hear  
the love and hope in the message.

**ALL: Let us take the love and hope of the message to transform our lives and the  
communities in which we live.**

One: In the name of the one called, Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

### **Music for Meditation**

**Meditation:**

*"Blowin' in the Wind"*

**The New Creed:**

One: Let's share together in the New Creed:

**All: We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Hymn: VU375**

*"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

**R:** Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.

1 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:  
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. **R**

- 2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes. **R**
- 3 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. **R**
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions your people arise. **R**

### **Invitation to Offer Our Gifts**

#### **Offertory Dedication: VU224**

“Sing a Happy Hallelujah”

Sing a happy hallelujah, sing it out with heart and style,  
We're the echo of God's laughter, we're the image of God's smile.  
Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone!  
Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone!

### **Dedication of Our Gifts**

#### **Hymn Before Communion: VU468**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
- R Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
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- 2 Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. **R**
- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out,  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere! **R**

## The Sacrament of Communion

### Invitation to the Table

#### Communion Liturgy

One As we gather the Holy is with us. In the flame and wind of this Pentecost Season we are reminded of the Holy Spirit. Lift up your hearts.

**All Our hearts sing with praise to our Creator.**

One Let us give thanks to the Divine Breath, who has come to us,

**All For the Creator has remembered us and we are blessed.**

One From the beginning, you were Eternal.

Through the time of leaders and prophets, you were Wisdom.

**All In the days of exile and captivity, you were Promise.  
In the room of gathered believers, you were Hope.**

One In the years of forgetting the faith, you were Patient.

In the age of recalling the promises, you were Peace.

**All From the beginning and always, you are Love.**

All Many searched for you, and some found you, and through centuries of human witness we received signs of your faithfulness to us. The powerful are brought low; the humble are exalted.

**All Therefore, we remember that first day of Pentecost so many years ago in Jerusalem and we hear the voices of the gathered crowd and the heavenly presence of your Spirit,**

One Let us share shouts of joy as we are touched by the Spirit of the Divine in Christ and reminded of God's presence in each and every one of us.

**All For in Jesus, the Christ, grace enters the world blessing all creation with healing, freedom, forgiveness, justice, hope, love.**

One In the spirit of Christ let us pray for the needs of the whole world. We remember especially those whose lives are disrupted by forces beyond their control, everyone affected by the COVID19 pandemic... We pray for peace and goodwill among the nations... Let us pray for the earth, as it longs for the promise of Yahweh's new creation... Let us remember before God all who are poor, hungry or cold... all who are oppressed by circumstance or by other people... all who are sick or dying... all who are lonely or frightened. Lastly, let us remember before the Divine those who have gone before us, whose company and voices we miss, but who, in the grace and goodness of Eternal Love, still share this celebration with us. With them, and with the multitude of all the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate the hope and the mystery that the Spirit of Christ is among us.

**All Jesus, the Christ offers us wisdom.**

**Jesus, the Christ offers us example.**

**Jesus, the Christ offers us hope.**

**Jesus, the Christ challenges us into action.**

### **The Prayer of Jesus:**

One: Let us pray responsively, Our Father...

**All: Eternal Spirit, Earth Maker, Pain Bearer, Life Giver, Source of all that is and shall be, Mother and Father of us all,**

One: Who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name...

**All: Loving God in whom all heaven and earth hallow your name as it echoes through all of the universe.**

One: Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven...

**All: The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and manifest itself on earth!**

One: Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...

**All: With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

One: Lead us not into temptation...

**All: In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

One: But deliver us from evil...

**All: From the grip of all evil, free us.**

One: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours, forever and ever.

**All: For you reign in the glory and power that is love, now and forever.**

One: Amen.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Passing of the Peace:**

One Let the Peace of Christ be with us all.

### **The Preparation**

One We have on this table, the common things of life – bread to break with each other and wine to quench our thirst. May they be for us as they have been for many, strength and faith, nourishment and hope, blessing and forgiveness.

**All And may we who come to this table, knowing the presence of that which is beyond all our understanding and which yet resides within our own hearts. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread:**

One We give thanks: we receive gratefully the bread of life, source of strength and nourishment for the journey of life.

**All As we seek to work free of our burdens, may this bread refresh us.**

One The Bread of Life, nourishment for heart and soul.

### **The Lifting of the Cup:**

One Let us again give thanks: we receive gratefully, Blessed One, the cup of life. It can be bitter and it can be sweet, as life is filled with both joys and sorrows.

**All Our hearts are gladdened as we face the mystery of life and living.**

One The Cup of Blessing, renewal of hope and faith.

## The Distribution

*Please share/partake in the bread/cracker/wafer etc., and cup of juice/wine/coffee etc..*

## Prayer after Communion:

One The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

Life-giving Spirit of Hope, may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

**All Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and all creation will live to praise your name. Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: MV79

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

**R:** Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love, may I love, in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. **R**

Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. **R**

May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. **R**

## Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: As the winds of the Holy blow among us...

**All: ...the fire of the Holy burns within us!**

One: We are blessed and transformed...

**All: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!**

## Sung Blessing: VU567 vs 5

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*Amen*