

**STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH**

**Growing - Together - In Spirit**

**Pentecost May 31, 2020**

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**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

**Music to Prepare for Worship:**

**Invitation to Worship:**

**All: Like dancing flames from a crackling fire;  
so may the Spirit flicker among us with  
warmth and light.  
Like balmy spring breezes caressing our cheeks;  
so may the Spirit blow among us to  
inspire and invigorate.**

**Hymn: "Spirit of Gentleness" (vs. 1, 3 & 4)**

**#375**

**Chorus:**

**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.**

**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.**

2

**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.**

**Pentecost Prayer:**

**#206**

**Your Spirit, God, works in our weakness  
until we are aflame with your love and power.  
Fill the hearts of your faithful with living fire,  
that we may set the world ablaze;  
through Jesus Christ, to whom with you  
and the Spirit be honour and praise, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**Welcome & the Life and Ministry of Our Church**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US**

**Scriptures: Acts 2:1-13 and John 14:15-21**

**Reader: Julee Pauling.**

**Musical Offering: "Gentle Breeze (Joanne Bender)**

**Sermon: "Alive In Spirit."**

**WE RESPOND IN LOVE**

**Hymn: "On Pentecost They Gathered"**

**#195**

**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 aglowing inspired each person there.**

**2 The people all around them were startled and amazed  
to understand their language, as Jesus Christ they praised.  
What universal message, what great good news was here?  
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.**

**3 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.**

**4 O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,  
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.  
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,  
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.**

**Call to Prayer: (Koshi Chimes)**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving & for Healing and Transformation**

**Minute for Mission: Super-heros wear masks.**

**Invitation to Offer our Gifts:**

**Song of Dedication: "Spirit of the Living God" (vs. 2 #376)  
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! Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

### **WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE**

**Hymn: "Breathe on Me Breath of God" #382**

**1 Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**2 Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.**

**3 Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**

**4 Breathe on me, breath of God: so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.**

**Commissioning and Blessing:**

**Departing Song: "Walk With Me" (chorus) #649  
Walk with me, I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through.**

**Music To Inspire Us As We Go:**