

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 31, 2020

St. John's Baptist Church | Charlotte, NC

While we are distancing ourselves physically during this time, we hope you will join us for this virtual worship experience. Follow along here and on the St. John's Facebook page, website, or YouTube.



Gathering Music

Greeting

J. Kevin Gray

Pentecost Introit

Call to Worship

Wesley Watts and Carlos Velez Sanchez

ONE: *From out of the silent depths, into visible, corporate acts,*

ALL: *Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

ONE: *Empowering the fragments of the church into an incarnation of the redeeming and reconciling Christ,*

ALL: *Come, Holy Spirit, renew and inspire us!*

Hymn of Praise

On Pentecost They Gathered

AURELIA

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.

2. The people all around them were startled and amazed to understand their language, as Christ the Lord 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 people of all nations glad songs of joy shall raise.

A Moment of Spiritual Reflection

Rev. Allison Benfield

Reading from the Book of Acts

Natalie Bailey, reader

Acts 2:1-12

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed.

ONE: *This is the written word of God for the people of God.*

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Renewal

Spirit of the Living God

Donna and Ken Scott, soloists

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spoken Meditation

"Not only is the presence of God in Jesus Christ to be experienced occasionally, the indwelling of Christ is to become the shaping power of our lives."

- Maxie Dunnam

Sung Meditation

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.



The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

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.

Prayer Concerns

Andrew Adair, Emily Batts, Byron Bullard, Mary Chilton (mother of Amy Chilton), Carol Drye, Teri Franklin, Don Furr, Camille Green, Polly Hull, Maddie and Domhnall Minogue and baby Cian, Gene Poole, Elma Thomas, Alison Zieglmeier (daughter of Ken and Donna Scott); Parker Jackson, military; Chip Wilson, assigned to the Pentagon for COVID-19

Sympathy to James Laney and Elizabeth Laney in the passing of James's aunt and Elizabeth's sister, Frances J. Cope, on Friday, May 22, at the age of 95.

*Sympathy to Lindsay and Chip Wilson in the deaths of Lindsay's paternal grandmother, Joyce Whitmire, Ed's mother, and her maternal grandfather, Marcia's father, within a few days of one another.
Sympathy also to Parker and Whit in the loss of two great-grandparents.*

Offertory Anthem

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

arr. K. Lee Scott

St. John's Chancel Choir

1. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
help me know Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;
and, with words that help and heal, Thy life would
mine reveal; and, with actions, bold and meek for
Christ my Savior speak.

2. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine
appear; and, with actions sisterly, speak Christ's
sincerity.

3. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee; separate
from sin I would and cherish all things good, and whatever I
can be give Him who gave me Thee.

4. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be,
help me now Thy power to see, I would be like Thee; 'gainst
all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield;
let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Special Music

The Sam Family from Together in Christ International Ministries

Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

4. Set our feet on lofty places; fill our lives that we may be strengthened with all Christlike graces pledged to set all captives free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call to from thee, lest we fail our call from thee.

5. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

Theological Reflection

What Can You Do with This Power?

Dr. Foust

Hymn of Discipleship

Wake, the Dawn Is Now Full Rising

HYMN TO JOY

1. Wake, the dawn is now full rising, by the Spirit we are roused; seeing, touching, hearing, feeling, Christ's new life in us is housed. Alleluia! Praise the Spirit who for earth a church designs. Alleluia! Praise the prophets who forenamed these holy times.

3. Rest while evening shadows lengthen; God's own church is now full born. Know the peace by Spirit given, share the hush of pilgrims worn. Alleluia! God, we wonder at your greatness still untold. Alleluia! Awed, we ponder all your gifts that still unfold.

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Commissioning the Scattered Church

Rev. Lee Gray

Postlude

Trumpet Tune by Gordon Young

J. Noel Lance

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