

Pentecost! Emerge

May 19, 2024

Welcome

Rev. Lauren Bennett

Announcements

Tim Mullins

Opening Welcome Song *Holy Spirit, Rain Down On Us*

Holy Spirit, rain down on us.

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As we praise and lift You higher,

Consume us with Your Holy Ghost fire.

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Rain on us. We need a Holy Ghost shower.

Rain on us. Fill us with Your power.

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Consume us with Your Holy Ghost fire.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,

Holy Spirit rain down on us.

Rain down on us, rain down on us,

Rain down on us, rain down on us.

Call to Worship:

Join your voices in worship as we invite the Spirits in our hearts today:

Leader: When we arrived in this world, we wondered...

Many: From where will I get my sustenance and care?

One: When we were children, we wondered...

Many: Who will I become on this adventure called life?

One: Change can make us feel awkward and fragile, and we wonder...

Many: How can I move through this change with grace?

One: When we give ourselves permission to dream big dreams, we wonder...

Many: How can I realize that vision?

One: Then the love of the Divine reminds us, "You too are my child. You can emerge to renewed life. Again and again."

Many: Amen.

Worship Song *Holy Spirit Rain Down*

Holy Spirit rain down, rain down.
Oh, Comforter and Friend, how we need your touch again.
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down.
Let your power fall, let your voice be heard.
Come and change our hearts as we stand on your word.
Holy Spirit, rain down.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
No mind can know what God has in store.
So open up heaven, open it wide,
Over our church and over our lives.

Holy Spirit rain down, rain down.
Oh, Comforter and Friend, how we need your touch again.
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down.
Let your power fall, let your voice be heard.
Come and change our hearts as we stand on your word.
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Opening Prayer

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Sung Response:

Form me, hold me,
open me, unfold me,
unfurl me, untether me,
uncurl me, uncrease me,
unwrap me

Reading

Reader: Shelley Tibbs Moore

Please rise as you are, in body and spirit, as you are able for the reading of scripture.

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21 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 people 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, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'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.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Unfold: Claiming New Possibilities

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Segue to Communion: *Spirit of the Living God*

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 fresh on me.

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.

Communion

Jerry McGinty Gayer & Eddie deLeal

Prayer Partners

Rev. Lauren Bennett & David Hanes

Song During Communion *Come, Holy Spirit*

Come, Holy Spirit, O how we need you.

Come, Holy Spirit, we need you.

Come with grace and fire.

Mighty rushing wind,

Comforter and breath of heaven

Fill my heart again.

Come, Holy Spirit, O how we need you.

Come, Holy Spirit, we need you.

Come with heaven's power,

Let the rains descend.

Times of sweet refreshing Jesus,

Fill my heart, heal my heart,

Fill my heart, heal my heart
Fill my heart again.

Come, Holy Spirit, O how we need you.
Come, Holy Spirit, we need you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
deLeal

Jerry McGinty Gayer & Eddie

Offering

John McGinty-Gayer

Loving God,
Thank you for molding us in the dark
And guiding us as we emerge
Into beauty and community
Sharing our gifts with you and one another. Amen.

Closing Song: *The Potter's Hand*

Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior,
I know for sure all of my days are held in your hand,
Crafted into your perfect plan.

You gently call me into your presence
Guiding me by your holy spirit,
Teach me dear Lord, to live all of my life through your eyes.

I'm capture by your holy calling,
Set me apart, I know you're drawing me to yourself,
Lead me, Lord I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me,
I give my life to the potter's hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me,
I give my life to the potter's hand.

Benediction
First Time Visitor Greeter

Rev. Lauren Bennett
Christine White

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