

Worship Service ~ *The Meaning of Pentecost*

Pentecost, Year B,

19th May, 2024

Romans 8:22-27 NRSV / Acts 2:1-21 NRSV

Prelude

played by church musician Annie Center,

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Opening Music

Holy Spirit ~ performed by Melissa and Free Hinton

Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your presence Lord I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of love
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your presence, Lord

Chorus:

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence Lord
Your presence, Lord

Bridge:

Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness
Let us become more aware of Your presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness Lord

Welcome / Announcements

I'm glad to welcome you to worship with Olympic View Community Church.

We seek to welcome all of God's children to join us in bearing witness to the radically transforming power of God's love. As we gather today, let's share the joy and peace of Christ with each other by greeting each other as we pass the peace.

Pass the Peace

Call to Worship

One: God's Spirit has poured out on all flesh,

All: All our children shall prophesy.

One: Young people shall see visions,

All: Seniors shall dream dreams.

One: Even upon those whose voices are marginalized,

All: God's spirit is poured out, and they will prophesy.

One: Rejoice, and worship God!

All: For the Spirit of God has come upon us all!

Invocation

Holy Spirit, enter into this place! Enter into our hearts and minds. Open us to new insights and ideas. May we be moved out of complacency into curiosity and wonder. May we be inspired and encouraged in our love of Christ and our love for one another. May we live into the newness of life breathed into us. Holy Spirit, revive us in this time of worship, now and always! Amen.

Epistle Reading Romans 8:22-27 NRSV

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hope for what is seen?

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

And God who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A Time of Prayer

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Today we come together as a community to share together our joys and concerns, and lift them to God in prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer by pastor

Worship Song - Spirit of the Living God (*Set a Fire*) - performed by Melissa and Free Hinton

Verse 1:

Spirit of the living God
Fall afresh on me
Spirit of the living God
Fall afresh on me

Verse 2:

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

Chorus:

Set a fire down in my soul
That I can't contain, that I can't control
I want more of you God,
I want more of you God

Verse 3:

No place I'd rather be
No place I'd rather be
No place I'd rather be
Than here in your love, here in your love

New Testament reading Acts 2:1-21 NRSV

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, 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: 'Men of Judea 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."

Message - *The Meaning of Pentecost*

Call to Serve

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all blessings, source of all life, giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life: for the breath that sustains life, for the food of this earth that nurtures life, for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life.

We thank you for the mystery of creation: for the beauty that the eye can see, for the joy that the ear may hear, for the unknown that we cannot behold.

We thank you for setting us in communities: for our families, for friends who love us by choice, for companions at work, who share our burdens and daily tasks, and for people from other lands who call us to grow in understanding.

We thank you for this day: for life and one more day to love, and to be loved, for your grace and presence..

For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Posted at Beliefnet by Vienna Cobb Anderson

Worship Song - Rest On Us (performed by Melissa and Free Hinton)

Verse 1:

As the Spirit was moving over the water
Spirit come move over us
Come rest on us come rest on us (repeat)

Chorus:

Come down Spirit when You move
You make my heart pound when You fill the room
You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me (repeat)

Verse 2:

Fire and wind come and do it again
Open up the gates let Heaven on in
Come rest on us come rest on us (repeat)

Chorus:

Come down Spirit when You move

You make my heart pound when You fill the room
You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me (repeat)

Bridge:

Holy Spirit , Come rest on us
You're all we want, You're all we want (repeat)

Chorus:

Come down Spirit when You move
You make my heart pound when You fill the room
You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me (repeat)

Bridge:

Holy Spirit , Come rest on us
You're all we want, You're all we want (repeat)

Benediction

Know that God's greatest gift to the world is Jesus Christ, and Jesus has called you.
You are needed. You are loved. You are called. So go, love one another, and help
participate in the reign of Christ on earth as it is in heaven.

Postlude

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