

WORSHIP GUIDE for SUNDAY, MAY 31 PENTECOST

SETTING YOUR SPACE

Happy Birthday, Church! It's Pentecost! Today Christian congregations everywhere celebrate God's Spirit coming to ignite their hearts and inspire their life together. We mark this day by telling that story, by wearing red, by surrounding ourselves with **symbols of the Spirit**. Do you have a picture of a **dove** or a **wild goose** you could add to your worship space? Or could you watch the service outside today, near a feeder where **birds** might come and visit? There, you might get a gentle **breeze**, too, another way the Spirit is imagined. Could you light a **candle**? Maybe keep it next to a bowl of **water**, to remember the two kinds of baptism represented by those two elements? However you set your space this morning, let it remind you of the presence and movement of the Spirit, dwelling within and all around you.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

But Who May Abide? from *The Messiah* by Handel - Jesse Cromer & Paul Klemme

Welcome & Greeting One Another – Erika Marksbury

Gathering Song: *God Is Truly With Us* – Worship Team

God is truly with us; sing we and adore now: praise the One we come before now.

Here within this temple, here in sound and silence,

worship God in deepest reverence.

You alone, God, we own, you, our God and Savior; praise to you forever.

God is truly with us; loud our praise resounding! Echoes of the saints surrounding!

“Holy, holy, holy,” hear the hymn ascending,

angels, saints, their voices blending!

Bow your ear to us here; hear, O Christ, the praises that your Church now raises.

Source of every blessing, bless the ones who name you,
let our words and deeds proclaim you.
Like the saints and angels praising you in glory, may your servants sing your story.
And in all, great and small, may we do most nearly what you love most dearly.

Gathering Prayer

& Communal Prayer *from Parker Palmer*

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, We pray that your good will be done, Let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, Give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, From each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence Beyond the evil of our days — Come swiftly Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One.

Children's Story – Sean P. Williams

Scripture: Acts 2:1-18 –

Kathleen Verigin, Bill Millar, Janet Langenwalter, Jesse Cromer, Asherlee LaPlante, Gary Langenwalter, Parker Williams, Beckett Marksbury-Page, Kota Swaney

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished: "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome – all Jews, or converts to Judaism – Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!"

All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, "What does this mean?" But others said mockingly, "They've drunk too much new wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: “Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! These people are not drunk as you think – it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! No, it’s what Joel the prophet spoke of:

‘In the days to come – it is our God who speaks – I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy. Your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams. On all my people, both women and men, I will pour out my Spirit, and they will prophesy.’”

Sermon - “What the Wind Carries”

Response Song: *Stepping In*

There is a prayer like a wide river, it never ends, does not begin.
Around the world it’s always flowing, and I am stepping in, we are stepping in.

We are praying with those in different places,
different languages and faces, ev’ry hour of the day.
And we are praying with enemies and strangers,
in gratitude, in danger, calling God’s ten thousand names.

There is a prayer like a wide river, it never ends, does not begin.
Around the world it’s always flowing, and I am stepping in, we are stepping in.

We are praying with those who’ve gone before us,
that great ancestral chorus we are joining as we sing.
And we are praying with heroines and heroes -
Moses, Mary, and Romero, yes, and Martin Luther King.

There is a prayer like a wide river, it never ends, does not begin.
Around the world it’s always flowing, and I am stepping in, we are stepping in.
We are stepping in. We are stepping in. We are stepping in.

Reach of Our Gifts: Rainbow Acres – Gregg Sneller

Closing Words

Going Forth Song: *Thrive*

Oh, oh...

Here in this worn and weary land where many a dream has died,
like a dream planted by the water, we never will run dry.

So, living water flowing through, God we thirst for more of you.
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire:
Just to know you and to make you known. We lift your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive: we were made to thrive.

Into your Word we're digging deep to know our Father's heart.
Into the world we're reaching out, to show all who you are.

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It's time for us to more than just survive: we were made to thrive.

Joy unspeakable, faith unspeakable, love unstoppable, anything is possible.
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Benediction

One: Friends... may the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Postlude

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