

Order of Worship
Sunday, May 16, 2021

Pentecost Sunday
“The Reality of Spirit”

*(*Denotes inclusion in posted video, unmarked items will be recorded live and included, music videos will be shown in worship and included in posted playlist)*

*** Opening Video**

Prelude

Dr. Olga Aynvarg

Welcome

Opening Song (Video) “Gather Us In” - Marty Haugen

Opening to the Spirit's Instruction

Scripture Reading 1

Acts 2:1-21

Liturgists

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** 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. **3** Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. **6** And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. **7** Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” **12** All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” **13** But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Peter Addresses the Crowd

14 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. **15** Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. **16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

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17 '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.

18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20 The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

*May God's Spirit speak to us today through these words of Scripture, the music we
sing and hear, and the message shared this day.*

Song (Video) "Spirit of God" JCUMC Virtual; Choir

Sermon Series: Parting Thoughts "The Reality of Spirit" Pastor Craig

Song (Video) "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" - St/ Paul's UCC

***Prayers for Our World and One Another**

Let us enter now into a time of prayer for one another and for our world. We will do what is called a Bidding Prayer. I will open, and then I will bid your prayers based around various categories. During the silence after each category is bid, I invite you to add your own prayers, either aloud or in silence. I will then close with a prayer, then the Lord's Prayer. Let us be in prayer.

Let us pray now for all who are ill, in hospital or at home, especially those affected by cancer or COVID-19.

Let us pray now for all medical and emergency services personnel who are responding to the best of their abilities with the resources that they have at hand.

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Let us pray now for all those who are hungry or food insecure, and for all community and religious efforts to provide food and shelter.

Let us pray for all who are still displaced from their homes, and those who have no home.

Let us pray for the leaders of nations around the world, not only regarding their response to this pandemic, but also that they may do everything possible to assure the health and welfare of their citizens.

Let us pray for all school and college governing boards, administrations and staff, all faculty, and students as they work to offer appropriate and equitable education in a manner that protects the health and safety of all persons.

Let us pray for our friends, family, and neighbors for their health and well-being.

Let us also express our thanks to God for the expressions of love and caring that we have witnessed in our families, communities, and world.

Let us express our gratitude for life and the myriad things that gladden our hearts.

These prayers, spoken aloud or in silence, we lift into the universal embrace of the One who is Love, and we make them in the name of the One who showed us what Love looks like in the flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, and we now join our voices in the prayer he taught us, saying:

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from

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evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Amen

Prayer Response (Video):
Choir

"Kyrie"

JCUMC Virtual

We Offer Ourselves in Commitment and Service

Acknowledgement of Gifts

Song of Dedication (Video) "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"- Riversong

Music for Reflection

Dr. Olga Aynvarg

Sending Forth

Pastor

***Closing Video**