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Order of Worship

10:30 AM

Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023

WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

CENTERING MUSIC

Henry Stone, Cantor

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.

Words and music by Daniel Iverson (1926)

WELCOME

Pastor Martha

PASSING OF THE PEACE (one / many)

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another in the spirit of Christ's love and peace!
Messages of peace may be shared in the comments in our broadcast.*

***SUNG RESPONSE "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"**

There's a spirit of love in this place, there's a spirit of love in this place.
You can't see it, but it's there, just as precious as the air.
There's a spirit of love in this place.
O alleluia, sing alleluia! We bless your holy name.
O alleluia, sing alleluia! There's a spirit of love in this place.

Words and Music by Mark Miller, © 2003 Abingdon Press

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S RENEWING PRESENCE

+CALL TO WORSHIP (one, many)

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When the day of Pentecost had come,
the disciples were all together in one place.
Today, followers of the Way gather in many places,

From Jerusalem to Galilee, from Pago Pago to Apia.

From Rome to Arabia, from Las Vegas to Cleveland.

God's Spirit still blows like a mighty wind,

Breathing new life into the sails of our canoes.

God's Spirit still burns like tongues of flame

Dancing over the heads of our brave ones, our "toa"

God's Spirit still flows like currents of living water

Connecting hearts and islands of all believers.

Praise God! *Via le Atua!*

***Via le Atua!* Praise God!**

Let us worship God, from whom all life's blessings flow!

***OPENING HYMN** "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the Vine,
to the church in faith assembled, to our midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982; © 1982 The Hymn Society. Tune: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, 1969; © 1989 Hope Publishing Company..

+PRAYER OF RENEWAL (*one / many*)

Dear God, le Atua e, God of oceans and land and all life contained therein,
You created this world by the power of your word.

**By your own hands and breath, you formed humankind in every
conceivable shade of brown.**

You gave us islands and continents as a gift, and charged us to be the
stewards of what you have made.

And yet, Creator God, we have failed you and abused your gifts to us.

We have defiled your creation, mistreating fellow human beings and
wasting the earth's resources.

**Forgive us for betraying your trust; forgive us for our greed and
arrogance.**

God of Life, help us to hear the cries of islands drowning in the rising seas.

**Help us to hear the cries of a world in distress through storm and
drought.**

Help us to hear the cries of your creatures and your people in need.

Show us how to heal your wounded earth, we pray.

Embolden us to choose the path that leads to life, so that we may renew your shalom in land, sea, and sky.

This we ask in the name of the one who came that we may have abundant life: your Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amene.

***WORDS OF GOD’S ENDURING LOVE** (*one / many*)

Le alofa o le Atua – the love of God – does not belong to one person or one group of people; it is available to all, even those who do not ask for it. Let us receive this gift of God’s reconciling love, and so participate in the renewal of all Creation. **Alleluia! Amene.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

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ANTHEM

“The Travelin’ Band” by Mary McDonald

HUCC Choir

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S GOOD NEWS

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

Tony Speed

MESSAGE

“Be The Church”

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***HYMN OF REFLECTION** “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one desire:
That every earthly part of me may glow with holy fire.

Breathe on me Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

Text: Edwin Hatch, 1886, alt. Tune: TRENTHAM, Robert Jackson, 1894.

WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD’S SERVICE

INVITATION TO GRATEFUL GIVING

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OFFERTORY

“Meditation (*in memoriam*)” by Donald F. Callender

Laurie Fox

***SONG OF PRAISE** (*in unison*)

Praise God, who welcomes us with grace,
who blesses every time and place,
whose Christ shows every person's worth,
whose Spirit gives us all new birth! Amen.

Text and tune (Old Hundredth) adapted from the Genevan Psalter (1551).

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (*Let us pray together. . .*)

Heavenly God, just as the first believers did in the early church, we lay our gifts at your feet. May they support the ministry of our congregation and flow from us to the wider world. Give our leaders the gift of discernment for the wisest possible use of these resources, which we dedicate to you today. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you! Amene.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

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. Amene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Traynor

***SENDING HYMN** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
And you goaded your people with a law and a land;
When they were confounded by their idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
Then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
And down in the city you called once again,
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, and free,
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

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BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

“Wren Chapel Suite” by John S. Dixon

Laurie Fox

WE RETURN TO THE WORLD TO SHARE OUR HOPE

As our worship ends, our service begins.

+Adapted from “Flow Out from Within: Service Prayers for Pentecost Sunday,” by Rev. Mikey Kelemete, Senior Pastor, and Rev. Samuelu “Sam” Tialavea, Associate Pastor of Faaaliga o le Alofa (Vision of Grace) Church in Las Vegas, Nevada, affiliated with the Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa and the United Church of Christ; found at <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-sunday-a-may-28/>.

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