

Order of Worship for Sunday, May 23, 2021 – Day of Pentecost

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 30 – Peace With Justice Sunday; Holy Communion will be offered at Trinity, St. James and Sprucetown

June 1-7 - Pastor Theresa is on vacation. Pastor Valerie Delooze will be on call for urgent pastoral needs at 814-880-2367.

June 16 - Clergy Virtual Session of Susquehanna Annual Conference

June 18-19 - Virtual Session of Susquehanna Annual Conference; Beth Brown and Randy Muthersbaugh are the charge Lay Members to AC

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Rushing Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!

P: Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!

L: Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds

P: Let us be prepared to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.

L: Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love.

P: Make us people who will proclaim God's good news in all that we do. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A violent wind and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people. AMEN.

*HYMN Breathe on Me, Breath of God UMH 420

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE The Wind in Your Socks

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15, Acts 2:1-21

MESSAGE Exclusive Temples

PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

**God of grace,
you sent the promised gift of the Holy Spirit
upon the apostles and the women,
upon Mary the mother of Jesus and upon his brothers.
Fill your church with power,
kindle flaming hearts within us,
and cause us to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue,
that all may call on you and be saved;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN We've a Story to Tell to the Nations UMH 569

COMMISSION & BLESSING

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BIBLE STUDY: Spirit Poured Out Read Acts 2:1-21

There seems to be two parts to the amazement and astonishment of the crowd – that Galileans were speaking various languages (v. 7) and that they each could hear their own language (v.8). Think about how hard it is to hear when people are speaking at the same time in one language. Now try to imagine being able to pick out your own language and discern what people are saying! If you had been in that crowd, would you have been amazed (v. 12) or skeptical (v. 13)?

Why does our culture tend to be skeptical about experiences with God? [Some experiences might seem manufactured or phony or draw attention to a person.]

What are some markers or signs of an authentic encounter with the Holy Spirit? [One marker of an authentic encounter with the Holy Spirit is that the experience should result in indications of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).]

What are some practices that open us up to experiencing the Holy Spirit? [Means of grace – corporate worship, Scripture reading, prayer, journaling, fasting, group study, etc.]

CLOSING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, pour out on us your love. Renew us in the strength of your might. Embolden us to be witness for your kingdom. Guide our steps so that our actions and words will be a demonstration of your peace and love. Amen.