Refrain. Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray. Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Refrain

Jordan river, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul. There is but one train upon this track; it runs to heaven and then right back.

Refrain

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

*Response: "Shalom"

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi.

(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani.

(Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)

Postlude Haruko Sakakibara

We invite you to remain seated during the Postlude as we enjoy the music and God's presence together. If you need to go, please feel free to do so. Go with God's blessings.

In Appreciation:

Greeters:

Online Greeter:

Ushers:

Parking:

Sue Lorens, William Yee

Gary Younglove

Sound System:

Jonathan Sakakibara

Zoom Moderator:

Judy Yee

Altar Flowers:

Lois Van Beers



The Celebration of Worship

June 5, 2022 • Pentecost Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave Worship Leader: Betsy Eskridge Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara Japanese Reader: Miko Kumagai

Centering Prayer for Worship

Come, Holy Spirit! You are a song amid silence, a voice out of quietness, a light out of darkness, a Presence in the emptiness. Give us just a spark on this day, to kindle our smoldering apathy until we burst into bonfires to melt all the injustice which threatens to consume the world. Move among us as we gather to give witness to God's presence in the people and events around us and offer ourselves in service to each other and to You. Amen.

Prelude Haruko Sakakibara

*Introit

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: People of Pentecost, lift up your hearts.

People: We gather to celebrate the birthday of Christ's Church around the world.

Leader: We gather to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts with the flame of your love for others.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, teach us new songs of compassion as we offer thanks and praise to God.

*Opening Hymn: "Let Every Christian Pray" (#130)

(Sing to the tune of 'When Morning Gilds the Skies')

Let every Christian pray, this day and every day, come, Holy Spirit, come! Was not the church we love commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!

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^{*} Those who can, please rise

The Spirit brought to birth the church of Christ on earth to seek and save the lost: God never has withdrawn, since that tremendous dawn, the gifts at Pentecost.

Only the Spirit's power can fit us for this hour: Come, Holy Spirit, come! Instruct, inspire, unite, and help us see Your light: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Invitation to Confession

Betsy Eskridge

When our lives remain hidden, when our hearts are shuttered, when our souls are filled with fear because of all we have said and done: God comes, breathing new life, blowing away our failings, restoring us to new hope. Please join me, as we pray together.

Prayer of Confession

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: God, you have sent your Spirit to bring boldness to our lives and fill your church; but our response has been lukewarm.

You have given us stories to tell and Your saving grace to share; but we remain self-absorbed and silent.

People: You have called us to be a new community, but we are unwilling to let go of old hurts and prejudices. Forgive us.

All: Pour your Spirit upon us, that we might be healers of brokenness. Pour your Spirit into us, that we might be as welcoming and forgiving as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: This is the good news spoken long ago, yet brought anew to us today by the Holy Spirit. God forgives us and fills us with God's own Spirit.

People: God gives us new hope, new joy and new vision for creating justice for all the world – today and every day.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

*Response to God's Forgiveness

All: Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

- from the Iona Community

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving Words of Institution Receiving the Elements

Opportunity To Present Offerings

Betsy Eskridge

All: Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, God's Son. (Repeat) And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give thanks. Give thanks.

*Doxology

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Betsy Eskridge

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

All: Our Parent Who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Sending Hymn: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (#315)

1st Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Betsy Eskridge

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force - no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene; both Jews and proselytes; Even Cretans and Arabs! "They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!

Sermon and 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Pentecost Sermon: "Back to the Future"

Acts 2:11-18

Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?" Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk - it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen: "In the Last Days," God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters; Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams. When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit on those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy.

Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

Time for silent reflection

Passing of the Peace

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Hymn of Reflection: "On Pentecost They Gathered" (#128)

(Sing to the tune of 'The Church's One Foundation')

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day, a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray. A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air, and tongues of fire glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised. What universal message, what great good news was here? That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe, on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive. That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power. The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago, rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow. O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise, so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

Unison Prayer of Guidance

All: Now may the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Japanese Reading: Joel 2:28-29

Miko Kumagai

Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;

your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

your old men shall dream dreams,

and your young men shall see visions.

When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit on those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy.