

First Presbyterian Church of Rolla

Worship Service on Pentecost

May 23, 2021

Welcome

Prelude: *The Spirit Comes Upon Us* – Richard Blake

Call to Worship (from Romans 8)

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;
**and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits
of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the
redemption of our bodies.**

In hope we were saved. We hope for what we do not see.

We wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as
we ought;

but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because
the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Prayer of the Day

**God our Creator, earth has many languages,
but your gospel proclaims your love
to all nations in one heavenly tongue.
Make us messengers of the good news
that, through the power of your Spirit,
all the world may unite in one song of praise;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn #300: *We Are One in the Spirit*

Call to Confession

Jesus says: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me.
Out of the believer's heart
shall flow rivers of living water.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.
We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.
We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**
(pause for a time of silent personal confession...) Let all God's children say,
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Through Christ, God has poured out
the Holy Spirit upon us
for the forgiveness of sins.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #582: *Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

In the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we call on the name of the Lord, saying:
By your Spirit, O God, **transform our lives.**

**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. Amen**

Hymn #286: *Breathe On Me, Breath of God*

Gospel Lesson: John 15:26-16:15

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: Dreaming of God's Kingdom

Affirmation of Faith (from the Confession of 1967, 9.20)

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

Closing Hymn #539: *We Will Go Out with Joy*

Benediction

Postlude: *Let All Creation Sing* – Janet Vogt

Fellowship

Sunday School

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