



"A Community Of Many Faithing Communities Where All Belong!"

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# Welcome To Worship

June 4, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Pentecost



*Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.*

*"Filled with the Holy Spirit" Rev. Trish Eckert*

## ✧ **Prelude: Zo Trembley**

### ✧ **Welcome and community news**

Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice believes every day is Earth Day! We are invited to join with other faith communities on June 11 at 2:00 pm at St. Catherine's Catholic Church to be part of Milwaukee's city-wide Big Clean. Let's keep Milwaukee beautiful and be part of an effort to build an interfaith network for social justice!

Please let Pastor Trish know if you are interested in participating by tomorrow, by June 5th.

A memorial service for Larry Hartmann has been scheduled for Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at noon here at Tippe, with a potluck afterwards. We hope you'll join us – more information to follow.

### ✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

***Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!  
Surely God is in this place,  
Holy Ground!***

### ✧ **A Blessing as we Center Ourselves in this Moment**

*When We Breathe Together*

*A Blessing for Pentecost Day ~ by Jan L. Richardson*

This is the blessing  
we cannot speak  
by ourselves.

when we gather  
together  
when we turn  
toward one another.

This is the blessing  
we cannot summon  
by our own devices,  
cannot shape  
to our purpose,  
cannot bend  
to our will.

This is the blessing  
that blazes among us  
when we speak  
the words  
strange to our ears

This is the blessing  
that comes  
when we leave behind  
our aloneness

when we finally listen  
into the chaos

when we breathe together  
at last.

### ✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other - Our Check-in**

*~ The Joy of Passing the Peace ~*

## ✧ Kid's Time

### ✧ Gathering as God's People: Pentecost

Today we are marking Pentecost as a community – it was actually last Sunday, but since Pentecost took place over Memorial Weekend this year, I wanted to be sure that we celebrated it together, as we prepare to shift into “ordinary time” after Eastertide.

Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire and empower us to show up in the world. The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or *Shavuot*. The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost (“50th day”) by Greek-speaking Jews.

This is a joyous day in which we witness to the resurrection and take the opportunity to consider what beckons us to new life. We celebrate God's gift of Holy Spirit which draws us together as one people, helps us to comprehend what God is doing in the world, and empowers us to proclaim, in word and in deed, God's plan of reconciling all people in the Christ.

Without the gift of the Spirit, the church dries up and withers away, and we are left with only our broken selves. With the gift of the Spirit, all things are possible. A spirit-filled community of faith opens eyes to needs in the world and comes to know what it means to be God's new people.



### ✧ Gathering Hymn to be announced

✧ **Opening Ourselves to God's Grace**

**ALL: In a world dry and thirsty**

**Living Water flows;**

**In a world fainting and breathless**

**Divine Wind blows;**

**In a world cold and dark**

**Spirit's Flame glows;**

**Spirit has always been here, and we open our awareness  
to perceive her and receive her.**

**Spirit is here! We give thanks and celebrate!**

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

Divine Mystery,

Your breath fills the universe and makes it alive.;

We praise you, Divine Life, for the gift of Spirit.

Your love blows through all creation and makes it one;

We praise you, Divine Lover, for the gift of Spirit.

Your presence fills every corner, your voice fills every silence,  
and your heartbeat lives within every living thing;

We praise you, Divine Presence, for the gift of Spirit.

But we have failed to value the life of other people,  
other creatures, and the world You have given to be our home.  
Forgive us, Divine Life.

We have failed to recognize the connectedness of all things,  
and have brought pain through division and exclusion.  
Forgive us, Divine Lover.

We have denied your presence, ignored your voice  
and forgotten your love for us and all that you have made.  
Forgive us, Divine Presence.

Breathe new life into us,  
wash us clean, and ignite the fire of love in our hearts again.  
Amen.

✧ **Special Music** *brought to us by our Tippe musicians*

✧ **Prayer of Intention**



## ✧ Bible Wisdom Teaching

### Acts 2:1-21

2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2:2 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. 2:3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

2:5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 2:6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 2:7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 2:9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 2:11 Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 2:13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

2:14 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. 2:15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 2:16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

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.'

One: May we hear anew the origin stories of our faith and draw from the roots of our tradition.

All: **Thanks be to our God.**



✧ **Reflection Questions**

- What occasions of initiation do you remember?
  - Sought or unbidden, how did those experiences alter you, transform you, change who you are in this world?
  - How did they deepen your understanding of yourself, your community, and how God desires to breathe through you?
- How do you continue to open yourself to the work of the Spirit in you and in those around you?

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn** to be announced

✧ **Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer**

We pray, Divine Spirit, for all who have lost faith in themselves, in others and especially in you.

May Spirit renew and inspire them again.

We pray, Divine Spirit, for all who have lost their hope in what life can become for themselves and for all people.

May Spirit encourage and challenge them again.

We pray, Divine Spirit, for all who have lost their ability to love freely and recklessly.

May Spirit comfort and soften them again.



## ✧ **Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread Communion of the People**

### Welcome

- The Spirit refreshes us; like a breeze on a summer day.
- The Spirit empowers us; like the wind at our back.
- The Spirit lifts us up; like we were floating in water.
- The Spirit holds us tenderly; like a parent who holds their child after they are disciplined, reassuring them that they are still loved.

Whether we have a howling wind or tongues of fire, the Spirit Jesus promised is here with us. It brings us to this place and it brings us to this Table.

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, who led Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, you lead us in ways of righteousness. You have taught us that wandering does not mean that we are lost. You have taught us that the journey is just as important as the destination. We give thanks that you call us your people.

Jesus, giver of the peace that surpasses all understanding, your peace has settled on this gathering today. We have come because you first came to us. We gather to hear your word just as the disciples gathered in Jerusalem. We have both heard your word of eternal life and your word that sends us out. We give thanks that you trust us with your name.

Holy Spirit, who prays on our behalf when we have no words, you are both our counsel and might. You convict us with truth when we forget your word. You lead us with

wisdom when we do not know where to go. You comfort us when we feel we are without hope. We give thanks that you are in us and around us and ever-present with us.

Now, as people gathered in your name, we pray that you would make your presence known to us. Holy Spirit, as you have done before, breathe your breath of life through this place making this simple loaf and cup communion with you. May God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit abide with us as we share this meal. May this meal bind us to you and to one another.

### ✧**The Lord's Prayer**

**ALL: Our Father, who is 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 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**

### Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread

The thing about wind is that when it is before us, we feel like we are pushing against it. And when the wind is behind us, we feel as though everything is possible. Both are true. The Holy Spirit both pushes and pulls us as we try to live faithfully in the world.

In some ways this meal is the same. It is a reminder of the death of Jesus – the breaking of his body in the bread and shedding of his blood in the cup. But it is also a promise of the great feast yet to come.

Come to table both remembering and looking forward with hope; being challenged by and accepting of God's grace.

### Communion of the People

#### Prayer after Communion

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, may we overflow with thanksgiving for who you are, all you have done, and all you have yet to do. May we remember the taste of this meal in our mouths – how nourishing and sweet it is – in both good and difficult times. With your breath in our lungs, you have prepared us to be your witnesses in this world. To you be the glory, Amen.



## ✧ **Benediction**

*Now that the worship has ended, may the service truly begin.*

## ✧ **Our Response:**

***Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your Word lives on in us.***

## ✧ **Postlude**

Communion liturgy written by Rev. Michelle Henrichs, accessed via her blog, “Life in the Labyrinth”  
<https://lifeinthelabyrinth.com/2016/05/14/1504/>



