

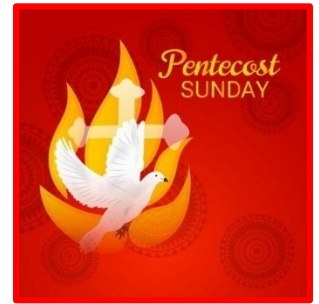


Faith Presbyterian Church

Sierra Vista, AZ

May 23, 2021

Elder Joy Church, Guest Speaker
Elder Jane Bourne, Worship Leader
Janis Wheat, Organ/Piano
Elder Paul Hay, Video-Tech



PRELUDE

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" - Akers

GREETING

One: This is the day that the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

INTROIT

"As The Wind Song"

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: The day of Pentecost has come, and we are together.

Will the works of God be known among us today?

All: We live in the valley of dry bones.

Around and within us is emptiness.

One: God comes to us as a gentle breath or violent wind.

Catch your breath, God's breath, and live.

All: There are stirrings deep within that give us hope.

There is a Spirit linking us to one another.

One: The fires of love dispel life's shadows.

God's Spirit comes to give us new life.

All: Surely God is in this place!

May the glory of God be known among us today!

OPENING HYMN

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #286

*Breathe on me Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

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

*Breathe on me Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

When your face is hidden from us, mighty God, we forget that there is more to life than the daily pursuits that occupy our attention. We are weak because we have not tapped the resources you place within us. We are engaged only by what we can see and touch and hear. Our frantic self-centeredness dries up our bones and we lose hope. Call us out of the graves in which we have chosen to live, the deep ruts that keep us from knowing the fullness of life you reveal when we welcome your Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In hope we are saved. The Spirit helps us in our weakness, intercedes for us, and guides us into all truth. God seeks to restore us to the fullness of life, to offer us hope, to assure us of our worth and value. Feel the flames of God's love resting on us, empowering us to love and serve in Christ's name.

CHILDREN'S TIME Elder Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Spirit Sings" arr. Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-10

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

*Holy wisdom, holy word, **thanks be to God.***

SCRIPTURE READING New Testament: Acts 2:1-13

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking

Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

*Holy wisdom, holy word, **thanks be to God.***

SERMON **"The Holy Spirit on Pentecost"**

RESPONSE A Prayer for Pentecost (responsively) *John Harvey*

Spirit of God,
flicking over our heads,
illuminating our faces,
inspiring our thoughts,
give us now, we pray,

WORDS OF JOY AND PRAISE.

Spirit of God,
filling our hearts with hope,
steadying our nerves with peace,
comforting our lives with love,
give us now, we pray,

WORDS OF JOY AND PRAISE.

Spirit of God,
come to us now-
surging through the darkness of our lives,
sweeping over our weariness-
so that, in this time of Pentecost,
the sparkling light of faith,
the rushing wind of hope
and the joyful sound of praise
may echo round the world,
may echo in the church,
and find their response in us.
Spirit of God, give us now, we pray,
WORDS OF JOY AND PRAISE. AMEN.

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who are 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 the Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN **"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"** #291

Refrain *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.”*

Refrain *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 with idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.*

Refrain *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.*

Refrain *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.*

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

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *“King of Kings”* (Sing twice)

*King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!*

POSTLUDE *“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”* - Traditional

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CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 6

The Session has called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 6th following worship for the purpose of electing the Pastor Nominating Committee. The Church Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominations to the congregation. Active members of the congregation are entitled to vote.

What does a Pastor Nominating Committee do? This elected group acts on behalf of the congregation to search for a candidate to become the next pastor of the congregation. They will bring one candidate for the congregation to consider and the congregation decides whether to elect and call that candidate.