

**First United Methodist Church of Freehold
Bulletin**

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

The gift of the Spirit allows us to be the church

We will be celebrating communion this morning. For those of you joining us from home, please have bread and juice/wine available to participate.

Announcements:

Dan Tagatac

Prelude

Welcome:

Pastor, Wil Wilson

*Call to Worship:

People: Like a rushing wind -

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

People: Like tongues of fire -

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

People: Like a gentle dove –

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

People: May our worship move us into a future beyond our human imaginations.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

People: We, your people, are open to the Spirit's movement and power once more!

*Opening Prayer: (In Unison)

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us today! We come celebrating the birth of the church, the existence of the faith community in which we find strength and commonalities. And we come celebrating also the unique differences and experiences of those with whom we gather. We celebrate the pouring out of Spirit. Through this service today, revive and renew your Spirit within us. And receive our praise as an offering of gratitude to you, O God, the church's one foundation. Amen.

Opening Hymn:

"Holy Spirit Rain Down"

Russell Fragar

*Song:

"As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

TFWS #2237

Recognition of Graduates:

Pastor Wil Wilson

Grace Mulholland - PhD in Epidemiology from University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) Gillings School of Global Public Health.

Cara Trulli – Pharm.Ed (Doctorate of Pharmacy) from Rutgers University, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers University.

Prayer Hymn:

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH #393

[The acolyte will collect your prayer requests at this time. For those worshiping from home, please submit your prayer requests in the online attendance sheet or, email the church office and they will be lifted up at next Sunday's service.]

Pastoral Prayer:

Pastor, Wil Wilson

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21 Pamela Wentworth

Sermon: "To Be or Not to Be the Church:
The Church of Pentecost" Pastor, Wil Wilson

Offering: Today's **Special Offering** will benefit Peace with Justice Sunday. Your generous gifts to Peace with Justice Sunday offering strengthen ministries like refugee resettlement and other justice ministries, and encourages living a gospel of peace.

Offertory: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Miller & Jackson

*Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

*Offering Prayer:

Gracious God, daily you pour out your love on us. And today, we celebrate the pouring out of your Spirit. We receive these amazing, life-changing gifts from you. Now we offer our gifts of love to you. Receive these offerings and may they be used to move forward the call which you have given your church. In Christ we pray, Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Celebration of Communion: UMH pages 12-14
*Sung Responses: "Communion Settings" TFWS #2257 (b, c, d)

Communion Hymn: "Living Hope" Johnson & Wickham

Prayer: (In Unison) UMH page 39
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: "Spirit of God" TFWS #2117

*Benediction: Pastor, Wil Wilson

*Postlude

Scripture Passage for Sunday, June 5, 2022

Liturgist: Pamela Wentworth

Acts 2:1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

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

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

Peter Addresses the Crowd

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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 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.’

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

**Opening Hymn:
Holy Spirit Rain Down
Russell Fragar**

(Chorus)

Holy Spirit rain down rain down
O Comforter and Friend
How we need Your touch again

Holy Spirit rain down rain down
Let Your power fall let Your voice be heard
Come and change our hearts
As we stand on Your Word
Holy Spirit rain down

(Verse)

No eye has seen no ear has heard
No mind can know what God has in store
So open up heaven open it wide
Over Your church and over our lives

(Ending)

Let Your power fall let Your voice be heard
Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your
Word
Holy Spirit rain down

**Song:
As Fire Is Meant for Burning
TFWS #2237**

As fire is meant for burning
With a bright and warming flame,
So the church is meant for mission,
Giving glory to God's name.

Not to preach our creeds or customs,
But to build a bridge of care,
We join hands across the nations,
Finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
We are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
We are vessels made of clay.

By our gentle, loving actions
We would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit
We would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime
Is a sign of life renewed,
So may we be signs of oneness
'mid earth's peoples, many hued.

As a rainbow lights the heavens
When a storm is past and gone,
May our lives reflect the radiance
Of God's new and glorious dawn.

**Prayer Hymn:
Spirit of the Living God
UMH #393**

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me,
Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.

(Repeat)

Doxology

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

Communion Settings

TFWS #2257

(b, c, d)

Holy, holy, holy Lord;
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blest if the one who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Communion Hymn:

Living Hope

Johnson & Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

(Chorus 2X)

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory! Whoa

(Chorus 2X)

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

(Ending)

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

**Closing Hymn:
Spirit of God
TFWS #2117**

Spirit of God, bright Wind,
Breath that bids life begin,
Blow as you always do; create us anew.
Give us the breath to sing,
Lifted on soaring wing,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Dove,
Grant us your peace and love,
Healing upon your wings for all living things.
For when we live your peace,
Captives will find release,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Hands,
Even in far off lands
You hold all the human race in one warm embrace.
No matter where we go,
You hold us together so,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, bright Flame,
Send us in your holy name,
The power to heal, to share your love everywhere.
We cannot fail or fall,
Or know defeat at all,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!

Spirit of God in all,
We gladly hear your call,
The life in our hands that sings,
The power of your wings.
Born of your grace we rise,
Love shining in our eyes,
Held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!