

Wesley Park United Methodist Church

Pentecost Sunday
9:30 am - June 4, 2017

We Gather Together

Prelude

Welcome

Choral Introit

Light of God

*Call To Worship

One: We gather together because God has called us.
We wait in expectant awe for God's appearing.

**All: We are together, old and young, rich and poor.
We have come, believers and skeptics, to this place.**

One: On the first Christian Pentecost, there were surprises:
the rush of a violent wind and tongues of fire.

**All: We tremble before the power of the Holy Spirit.
What will happen if we let the Spirit in?**

One: On this Pentecost, we can receive the surprises of God.
We can be moved to speak and act in new ways.

**All: With hesitant eagerness, we welcome the Spirit.
We will risk stepping into God's vision for us.**

*Hymn

Spirit of God

Children's Blessing

A Time of Prayer

Choral Anthem

O Come, Sweet Spirit

Receiving the Word

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

Message

The Holy Spirit Has Come Upon Us Rev. Jane Ellen Johnson

We Respond to the Word

*Hymn #333

I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

Offering Gifts to God and the World

Stewardship Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology #64

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

*Offertory Prayer

God of wind and fire, may new life be breathed into the world
because of these gifts we return to you. Grant us enhanced
capacity to carry your revelation to others in ways they can
understand. We seek to be to one another channels of your love
and peace, both in person and through the outreach of our
offerings. **Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Song of Praise

Holy Spirit Rain Down

Holy Communion

*All are invited to participate in this foretaste of the heavenly
banquet. If you need gluten-free bread, please alert the acolyte.
From the basket, take a piece of bread, then from the tray, take a
cup. Hold onto the bread and cup until we partake all together.
Let us be in prayer.*

Prayer after Receiving

We Go Forth Into the World

*Benediction

May the enthusiasm of Spirit leap incessantly within you and help you to live a vibrant life.

May the warmth of Spirit's fire be extended through your concern and care for all those who need love.

May the blaze of Spirit's Courage enable you to speak the truth and to stand up for respect, dignity, and justice.

May the undying embers of Spirit's faithfulness support you when you feel spirituality dry and empty.

May the strength of Spirit's love sustain your hope as you enter into the pain of our world.

May the clear light of Spirit's guidance be a source of effective discernment and decision-making for you.

May the steady flame of Spirit's goodness within you convince you every day of the power of your presence with others.

May the joyful fire of Spirit dance within you and set happiness ablaze in your life.

May the spark of your relationship with Spirit catch afire in the hearts of those with whom you live and work.

May you be mindful of the Eternal Flame within you. May you rely on this Source of Love to be your constant ally and steady guide.

Go now equipped and with peace.

Postlude

**Please stand as you are able or comfortable.*