

Sebastopol United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 31, 2020 – Day of Pentecost
Order of Worship, including Scripture

Seasonal Theme

The teaching and ministry of Jesus the Christ.

Theme for the day:

The Holy Spirit is here. He comes upon the disciples. A christian church is born.
Happy anniversary!

Call to worship:

(please read along with Pastor, aloud or silently as you prefer)

Come to Jesus, you who are hungry and thirsty. Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit. Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.
Alleluia and Thanks be to God. Amen.

Centering & Prayer of Illumination:

(please read along with Pastor, aloud or silently as you prefer)

O Holy Spirit, send your spirit upon us, stir up our courage, and rouse us for a prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Readings from Scripture: **1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13** **Acts 2:1-4; 14-21**

[texts of Scripture follow the service, beginning on page 3]

Prayer of the Holy Spirit (UMH 329 – see text on page 2)

Message: **ONE SIMPLE “YES” WILL DO!**

(UMH 393 – “Spirit of the Living God” – see music on page 5)

Pastoral Prayer

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With thanksgiving for God's gifts to us, let us offer ourselves and the fruits of our labor for God's work in the world. Thank you for continuing to send your offerings and pledges by mail.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication:

(please read along with Pastor, aloud or silently as you prefer)

Father God, we have opened our hands to you for you have blessed us with good things. May our gifts bring dreams and visions to a world of need of hope and new direction. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

Blessing and Benediction:

Inhale the fresh air of positivity. Stay calm with the power of the living God. Be at peace, be joyful with Him.

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Prayer to the Holy Spirit

O Great Spirit,
whose breath gives life to the world,
and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze:
We need your strength and wisdom.
Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us eyes
ever to behold the red and purple sunset.
Make us wise so that we may understand
what you have taught us.
Help us learn the lessons you have hidden
in every leaf and rock.
Make us always ready to come to you
with clean hands and steady eyes,
so when life fades, like the fading sunset,
our spirits may come to you without shame. **Amen.**

(scripture readings begin on the next page)

Scripture Readings – May 31, 2020

first reading – **1 CORINTHIANS 12: 3b-13**

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body -- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free -- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

second reading – **ACTS 2:1-4; 14-21**

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

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

“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.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

(UMH 393 is on the following page)

Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

The first system of music features a treble and bass clef in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody in the treble clef consists of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass clef provides a steady accompaniment of chords and single notes.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same musical structure.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

The third system introduces a new line of lyrics. The melody in the treble clef uses a mix of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The bass clef accompaniment remains consistent.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

The fourth system concludes the piece with the same melody and accompaniment as the previous systems.

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Thank you for worshipping with us today.