

Westminster At Worship

A Celebration of Worship

Speak Up

Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.

†Those who are able to stand may do so.



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

RACHEL WEBB

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WESTMINSTER AT WORK-PENTECOST OFFERING

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

"Spirit of the Living God"

Chime Choir

ARR. THOMPSON

†CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Something strange was happening.
Something new was happening.
Tongues of fire touching people
Tongues speaking strange languages, yet understood.
Something shifted.
Something changed.
Something new was happening.
Today.

PEOPLE: **Something strange is happening.**
Something new is happening.
Something has shifted.
Something has changed.

LEADER: The church is not what it used to be.
Nor is it what it will become.

**PEOPLE: The spirit is still moving.
Let us worship, knowing that spirit is moving among
us.**

†HYMN

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

TRENTHAM

*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.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Spirit of God, breath of Creation, wind of change:
you pour out your spirit upon us, and we fail to see it.
We are too preoccupied to feel it.
We like to stay where we are.
We like our comfortable, fixed positions.**

**Open our hearts and minds to new hopes and dreams,
with the promise of new life in Christ.
Forgive us for our inability to change.
Give us a clear vision for tomorrow.
Open our eyes to opportunities for service and love.
Shake things up. Spin us around.
Show us all that life can be.**

— *A Time of Silent Confession* —

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

I declare to you the complete forgiveness of your sin.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

†RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

“Gloria Patri”

GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.*

†SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

**First Reading
Exodus 3:1-12; 4:10-16**

Second Reading
Acts 2: 1-8; 14-18

FANNING THE FLAME

SERMON

“Speak Up”
Rev. Jamie Milton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD WITH THANKSGIVING

†HYMN

“Here I Am Lord”

HERE I AM

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made their stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)*

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the Holy God, the Holy Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the power of God's love to change the world, to right all injustice, to overturn the tables of the powerful, and to lift up the voices of the oppressed.

We believe in the power of God's grace to cleanse all things, to make clean the debris of sin, to restore all that has been broken and marred, and to wipe away the tears of pain that flood the world.

We believe in the power of hope, that God is not finished with us yet, that God is redeeming the world in this moment, that God promises life and life abundant.

We believe. We believe. We believe. Alleluia!

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PEOPLE: Our Father, who art 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

~Please record your presence on the "Friendship Pad"~

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Come Spirit Come"
Chancel Choir

MARY KAY BEALL

†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 Ghost. Amen.*

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of mercy, we give you thanks for all that your bounty creates.

The gifts we bring today acknowledge our debt to you and our intent to relieve others of their burdens. Bless what we offer and bless those who will be shown deeds of power through them; in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEING SENT WITH GOD'S WORD

†HYMN

"Go in Grace and Make Disciples"

WONDROUS LIGHT

*Go in grace and make disciples.
Baptize in God's holy name.
Tell of death and resurrection;
Easter's victory now proclaim.
Christ's commission sends us forth
to the nations of the earth.
Go in grace and make disciples,
midwives for the world's new birth.*

*Go and follow Christ's example,
not to vanquish, but to heal.
Mend the wounds of sin's divisions.
Servant love to all reveal.
Roles and ranks shall be reversed;
justice flow for all who thirst.
Go and follow Christ's example.
Forge a world of last made first.*

*Go in Pentecostal spirit,
many tongues and many gifts.
Feed the hearts of hungry people.
Spread the gospel that uplifts.
Till the day of Christ's return,
as disciples, teach and learn.
Go in Pentecostal spirit;
let God's flame of witness burn.*

†CHARGE & BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE

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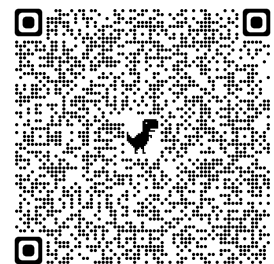
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