

Worship Guide  
23 May 2021

WELCOME!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pentecost is coming.

**All: It will be an end and a beginning.**

It will bewilder and confuse.

**All: Though some will fight it,**  
the aching world calls it forth with urgency.

**All: Come, Spirit, come.**

The Spirit who moves like “a rush of violent wind...”

**All: Who appears like fire...**

Who is the breath of God...

**All: She comes to us unconcerned with order,**  
wild with freedom, turning over anything and everything that stands in Her way.

**All: Let Her come and fill our mouths with words we didn't know we could speak.**

Let Her come and help us hear in languages we once could not understand.

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SINGING OUR FAITH

Many Gifts, One Spirit #114

*God of change and glory, God of time and space,*

*When we fear the future, give to us your grace.*

*In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.*

*Refrain:*

*Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.*

*In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise*

*One Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word*

*Known in many ways, hallowing our days.*

*For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!*

*God of many colors, God of many signs,*

*You have made us different, blessing many kinds.*

*As the old ways disappear, let your love cast out our fear.*

*Refrain*

*Freshness of the morning, newness of each night,*

*You are still creating endless love and light.*

*This we see, as shadows part, many gifts from one great heart.*

*Refrain*

FOCUS SCRIPTURE Part I

Daniel 7:13-16

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir Anthem "Pentecost"

Written by Theresa Lee Whiting

## FOCUS SCRIPTURE Part II

Acts 2:1-4, 12-15

## YOUTH DRAMA

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION & WAITING

**All: Gracious God, sometimes we are so filled up with our justifications and anxieties that we cannot hear your still small voice or experience the precious significance of your rushing wind. Help us to empty ourselves in these moments, secure in the knowledge that you love us on deeper levels than we have yet been self aware.**

*(Personal Prayer Time)*

Hear the Good News: our God is on our side against all forms of oppression and all false gods. Your fragile, imperfect humanity is beloved in God's sight. What needs to be forgiven, let it be forgiven. May the peace of Christ be with you!

*(Inspired by Thomas Merton's Raids on the Unspeakable)*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### **Ongoing Prayer Requests:**

Matt, Lou A, Deb B, Jeff C, Richard C, Andy C, Linda G, David G, Barbara H, Danielle K, Tiernan K, Evy S, Cindy S, Sharon & Ron Q, Joe, Barbara G.

#### **This Week's Requests:**

Prayers for the loved ones of Gail Reeder

Prayers for the loved ones of Michael Richards

#### **Surely the Presence**

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.*

*I can hear the brush of angel's wings,*

*I see glory on each face.*

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

##### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our [Mother]/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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

## A CELEBRATION OF GIVING

### MESSAGE

#### SINGING OUR FAITH

Gather Us In #2236 (vs 1,4)  
*Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of our name*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven light years away  
But here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones*

### BENEDICTION