ORDER OF SERVICE: STANDREWS

SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023

PENTECOST



Welcome & Sharing

Call to Worship

The book of Acts says, '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 were filled with the Holy Spirit.' The book of John says, 'He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit ..."'

Here is our God in flame and rushing wind.

Here is our God in the quiet breath of Jesus.

Here is our God in the unexpected.

Here is our God in the everyday.

Here is our God!

SONG: (Tune TiS 425)

Patricia Hunt (1921 -)

1

Upon the day of Pentecost The Holy Spirit came – Like powerful, rushing, mighty wind

And leaping, living flame.

2

The friends of Jesus till that hour

Were fearful folk and weak; But now the Holy Spirit made Them wise and bold to speak. 3

With joy and confidence they went

To all whom they could reach, In God the Holy Spirit's power To praise and heal and teach

4

God's Holy Spirit still is here To guide our world today, And helps the friends of Jesus Christ

In what they do and say.

PRAYER

INTRODUCTION TO THE THEME: Symbols of the Spirit

SONG: TiS 407 Breathe on me breathe of God (Tune TiS 234)

1

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love all that you love and do what you would do.

2

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.

3

Breathe on me, breath of God, and all my life refine, until this earthly part of me glows with your fire divine.

4

Breathe on me, breath of God; so shall I never die, but live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

READING: John 20: 19-22

Acts 2:1-4, 12-13

REFLECTION

SONG: TiS 411 Filled with the Spirit's power

1

Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord

the infant church confessed its risen Lord:

O Holy Spirit, in the church today no less your power of fellowship display.

2

Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,

that unity may be our great desire: give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,

and readiness in each to work for all.

3

Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace

in your strong care all those of every race:

and readiness in each to work for all.

like wind and fire with life among us move

till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

Prayers for Others:

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen

SONG: TIS 413 Holy Spirit, come confirm us.

Holy Spirit, come confirm us in the truth that Christ makes known; we have faith and understanding through your helping gifts alone.

Holy Spirit, come console us, come as advocate to plead, loving Spirit from the Father, grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come renew us, come yourself to make us live: holy, through your loving presence, holy, through the gifts you give. 4
Holy Spirit, come possess us, you the love of Three in One, Holy Spirit of the Father, Holy Spirit of the Son.

BLESSING:

May God's breath stream within you.
May God's breath renew you.
May God's breath invigorate you.
Walk with confidence into this day.

Amen.