

PENTECOST SUNDAY
May 31, 2020
Northside Presbyterian Church

GATHERING MUSIC - *"Abide With Me"*

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT - *"Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wind of God, who awakened creation and stirred dry bones to life—
sweep through this day and enliven our worship.

Wind of God, who descended as tongues of flame and gave birth to the church—
sweep through this day and ignite our hearts.

Wind of God, who guides our ministry and equips us for service—
sweep through this day and empower our witness.

HYMN - *"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"*

Refrain:

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**1 You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." (Refrain)**

**3 You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. (Refrain)**

**4 You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. (Refrain)**

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CONFESSION

Holy God, Holy Breath, Wind, Flame, Spirit: Set our hearts on fire. Burn off all that is dry and lifeless, and grow us anew. Let your Spirit dance within our spirits, uprooting us when we have been unmoved, and refreshing all that is stale in our lives. Breathe on us your peace, that we will share that peace with all we meet. And hear the silent prayers of our hearts.

(silence)

GOSPEL – John 20:19-23 – Clark Gaylord

OFFERING OF MUSIC – “*Spirit Song*” (Haines)

NEW TESTAMENT – Acts 2:1-21

SERMON – “*We’re In This Together*”

PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life: At the beginning of time you moved over the face of the waters; you breathe into every living being, the breath of life.

Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.

Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets: You enflame men and women with a passion for your truth, and through them call your people to the ways of justice and compassion.

Come, Spirit of Righteousness, and burn in our hearts.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus: By your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor and release to those held captive.

Come, Liberating Spirit, and free us from the powers of sin and death.

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher: You speak to us of our Lord, and show us the depth of his love.

Come, Spirit of Truth, abide in us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit, wind and flame: You filled disciples with joy and courage, empowering them to preach your word and to share your good news.

Come, Spirit of Power, make us bold witnesses of your redeeming love.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Peace: You break down barriers of language, race, and culture, and heal the divisions that separate us.

Come, Reconciling Spirit, and unite us all in the love of Christ.

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life: At the close of the age all creation will be renewed to sing your praises.

Come, Creator Spirit, and make us new creations in Jesus Christ.

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN – *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God!”*

**1 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.**

**2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**

**3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.