

Melville United Church
Friday June 2, 2017
Seniors Communion Service



** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today - Rev. Marion Loree

Prelude:

Welcome

Sharing the Light

Call to Worship:

The disciples waited,
and so did the Spirit.

The disciples moved,
and so did the Spirit.

The disciples spoke,
and so did the Spirit.

Together, the disciples and the Spirit met and lived.

Together, the disciples and the Spirit shared and witnessed.

So let us come together to share, to witness and to worship God.

Hymn: Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth **VU 207**

Opening Prayer:

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Breathe upon us and fill us with your gifts. Open us to your guiding in our words and deeds. Fan into life the gifts and abilities of people everywhere, uniting us in a creative love that includes others, celebrates differences, and brings your love to life. Today we draw strength from your life and energy, and lift our hearts in praise. Amen.

Prayer of Confession:

Pentecost God, thank you for the gift of the Spirit;
**for the power and energy the Spirit brings
and for the knowledge that we are not alone.**

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Even so, sometimes we find it hard to believe in things we cannot see or touch.

We remember the times we have not recognized the spirit's still small voice,

the times we have ignored the Spirit's prompting,

the times we have not acknowledged the Spirit's work around us,
the times we have resisted the Spirit's transforming power.

We remember and we are sorry.

Pour out your Spirit anew, Holy Oneness;

blow through us and ignite us once more. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Our God is always making all things new;
our shortcomings are forgotten and we can begin again,
with God's Spirit as our helper.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

Ministry of Music: Come, O Holy Spirit MV 23 -sung by Marion Loree
(*Please join in the chorus*)

Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!

Take our hearts by storm.

All the world lies open;

Pentecost is now!

I said a - come, come, come, in Jesus name!

Take our hearts by storm.

All the world lies open;

Pentecost is now!

Scripture: John 7:37-39 (the Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition)
(Jesus talks of the Spirit)

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood up and shouted, "Any who are thirsty, let them come to me and drink! Those who believe in me, as the scripture says, 'From their innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"

Here Jesus was referring to the Spirit, which those who came to believe were to receive - though she had not yet been given, since Jesus had not been glorified.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (the Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition)
(One Spirit, many gifts)

By the same token, no one can say, "Jesus Christ reigns supreme," unless under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts, but always the same Spirit. There is a variety of ministries, but we serve the same One. There is a variety of outcomes, but the same God is working in all of them. To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

To one, the Spirit gives wisdom in discourse, to another, the word of knowledge through the same Spirit. Through the Spirit, one person receives faith; through the same Spirit, another is given the gift of healing; and still another, miraculous powers. Prophecy is given to one; to another, power to distinguish one spirit from another. One receives the gift of tongues; another, that of interpreting tongues. But it is one and the same Spirit who produces all these gifts and distributes them as she wills.

The body is one, even though it has many part; all the parts - many though they are - comprise a single body. And so it is with Christ. It was by one Spirit that all of us, whether we are Jews or Greeks, slaves or citizens, were baptized into one body. All of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit. And the Body is not one part; it is many

Responsive Reading: Psalm 104:24-34 (VU 826 - Part 2, Refrain 2)
(*God's Spirit brings life and renewal*)

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 (the Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Edition)
(The Holy Spirit comes like wind and flame)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were

amazed and astonished: "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome - all Jews, or converts to Judaism - Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!"

All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, "What does this mean?" But others said mockingly, "They've drunk too much new wine."

Then Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd: "Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! These people are not drunk as you think - it's only nine o'clock in the morning! No, it's what Joel the prophet spoke of:

'In the days to come - it is our God who speaks - I will pour out my Spirit on all humankind. Your daughters and sons will prophesy, your young people will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams. Even on the most insignificant of my people, both women and men, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. And I will display wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below: blood, fire and billowing smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon will become blood before the coming of the great and sublime day of our God. And all who call upon the name of our God will be saved.'

Message:

Hymn: Let Us Break Bread Together

VU 480

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation:

As we come to this table,....
....are welcome here.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Gracious God, throughout the ages,.....

.....And so it is that we join with every voice and tongue on earth to give you praise:

O holy, holy, holy God,

O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above

bear witness to your grace.

Hosanna in the highest heav'n,

creation sings your praise.

And blessed is the One who comes

and bears your name always!

Words of Institution:

On the night before he died....

....we offer our praise, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Holy Wisdom, Comforter, Advocate, Friend,

....as we share together in the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying...
Our Father....

Lord's Prayer:

Breaking the Bread and Filling the Cup

Jesus Christ - the bread of life.

Jesus Christ - the cup of blessing.

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life,
whoever comes to me will never be hungry:
whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all things are now ready.

Sharing the Elements:

Post Communion Prayer:

We give thanks that bread broken brings wholeness;
that wine poured out replenishes;
that time spent with the Risen Christ and one another
is gift and grace. Amen.

***Hymn:** We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection **VU 586**

***Blessing/Sending Forth**

Claim the gift of the Spirit.

God never desires us to feel alone or abandoned.

Through the Spirit of God, all things live and have their being

Spirit is with and within us always.

Let the Spirit renew your life.

The Spirit is with us! Thanks be to God!

***Parting Song:** Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith steadfast strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there around, within, above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen. Amen. Amen.