

Worship on June 5, 2022 (CCLI: License Number #3156883)
(Welcoming Elder: Robert Revington)

Sunday Order of worship

We Gather

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- Call to worship
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- Prayer for worship and Lord's Prayer
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We Listen

- Prayer for illumination
- Scripture: Acts 2:1-21
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We Serve

- Benediction

Announcements:

. Grace and peace to you all who are worshipping God with us today. This is Sunday, June 5th. The Holy Spirit is like the rush of a violent wind. May God's overwhelming presence fill us.

. There is the Communion at the Lord's Table during today's service.

. General Assembly starts today at 2 pm. Please for the wisdom of God and the love of God be upon the gathering. Please remember all the participants including Robert Revington.

. There will be Fellowship time in the Church Hall after Worship. Please stay and connect.

. Rev. Soong has his office hours on Wednesday from 9am-12pm.

. Prayer is unseen, yet powerful. If you have prayer needs, please let us know.
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. Please help Ukraine with donation and prayer. Please pray for the people who are suffering from war. Also, let us continue to pray for the people in need of our prayers in our congregation.

. Martha's table is open for in-person luncheons.

. Thank you for your continuing support with your gifts. As we offer our gifts to the Lord, let us give our hearts and our lives to the Lord as well. May God be in the centre of your hearts.

As we come into the presence of our God, let us open our hearts and minds,
and focus on our Lord and King.

Responsive Call to Worship

One: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

All: Praise and glory to you, Spirit of God, our comfort and strength.

One: Let us sing praises to God as long as we live;

All: Praise and glory to you, Spirit of God, our comfort and strength.

One: May our worship be pleasing to God, ever Three and ever One.

All: Let us praise the LORD!

Praise song – BOP 357 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

<u>Vs. 1</u> How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear; it soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds and drives away our fear	<u>Vs. 2</u> It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast; 'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary rest.
<u>Vs. 3</u> Dear name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place, my never-failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.	<u>Vs. 4</u> Jesus, my shepherd, guardian, friend, my prophet, priest and king, my Lord, my life, my way, my end: accept the praise I bring.
<u>Vs. 5</u> How weak the effort of my heart, how cold my warmest thought, but when I see thee as thou art I'll praise thee as I ought.	<u>Vs. 6</u> Till then I would thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath; and may the music of thy name refresh my soul in death.

Prayer For Adoration and Confession

Holy God, from our scattered lives we gather to praise you, for you are great and wonderful.

With joyful hearts, we celebrate the work of your Holy Spirit. At the dawn of creation, you sent your Spirit to bring life. Over the centuries, your Holy Spirit called your servants to proclaim your love and justice. Through the flames of Pentecost, your Holy Spirit gave birth to the church with energy and wonder. Today, your Holy Spirit is at work in the world, bringing renewal and hope here and everywhere. Transform us by your Holy Spirit. Make us more faithful followers of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Almighty God, you poured out your Holy Spirit to guide your disciples, and empower your church with gifts for ministry. We confess we often resist the Spirit's guidance. The challenge to change makes us uncomfortable. We overlook the gifts others can offer and fail to live out Christ's love for the world. Forgive us, O God. Send your Holy Spirit to us again to open our minds and hearts to the challenges in ministry you set before us in Jesus' name. God, we long for your Holy Spirit.

This time we come to you in prayer that you taught us how to pray: (The Lord's Prayer:)

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.

Words of Assurance

Sisters and brothers in Christ, Jesus said, Hear and believe this promise of the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old life has passed away and new life has begun. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! You are set free to live life anew in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Peace of the Lord be with you. Let us take few moments to greet each other and share our peace.

Story for children and youth and prayer

Jacob & Esau (picture)

Stew (immediate need right in front of eye) vs. birthright (God's special blessing – long term blessings and benefits from God)

Holy Spirit – give them wisdom to see further, so you capture their hearts and use them.

Prayer

Gracious and loving Father God, thank you for gathering us here in your presence. We are blessing our precious children and youth in our prayers. We pray your wisdom be upon them. Give them eyes to see and give them ears to listen. Help them discern the truth. Fill their hearts with courage, so that they walk in your righteousness. Fill their hearts with you and lead and guide their lives. We offer them up to you. Receive them and use them. In Jesus' precious and powerful name, we pray. Amen.

Praise Song: Let your glory fall

<u>Vs. 1</u> Father of creation Unfold Your sovereign plan Raise up a chosen generation That will march through the land All of creation is longing For Your unveiling of power Would You release Your anointing O, God, let this be this hour	<u>Vs. 2</u> Ruler of the nations The world has yet to see The full release of Your promise The church in victory Turn to us, Lord, and touch us Make us strong in Your might Overcome our weakness That we could stand up and fight
<u>Chorus</u> Let Your glory fall in this room Let it go forth from here to the nations Let Your fragrance rest in this place As we gather to seek Your face	

Prayer for Illumination:

Spirit of God, at Pentecost you created new understanding among the followers of Jesus.

Move among us this day and fill us with new understanding of your living Word. Energize us to bear witness to the world you love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered,

because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

“This is the word of the Lord / Thanks be to God.”

SERMON: The coming of the Holy Spirit

Today’s sermon title is **“The coming of the Holy Spirit.”**

Before the ascension of Jesus, he gathered his disciples and gave the promise. **Acts 1:8, “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**

This is the promise we are holding on to and wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives.

The disciples experienced many miracles of Jesus, and most importantly the resurrection of Jesus. So, now, they believe. They have the faith from their experience. They trust the promise of God now! because they know that Jesus keeps his promises by experience.

Do we have the experience of God? We have heard so many stories of others who experienced God’s presence, God’s power, God’s love, God’s grace, God’s care, and so on.

Immanuel. God with us. This is the one of names of our faithful God.

God promised to us that he would BE with us.

Believe that God is with us now. God is with you all the time.

And the Holy Spirit is with us comforting us, giving peace in our hearts, guiding us, and leading us to the right path.

We are promised to receive the power of God when the Holy Spirit comes to us. And this power is for us to be the witness of Jesus to Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Do you remember from last week, **THE IMMEASURABLE GREATNESS OF GOD’S POWER FOR US**? That is, with THAT power of God, we are to display Jesus to our

surroundings, neighbours, community, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and other countries.

These days, I am dreaming. The Gospel of Jesus is preached to the whole earth. The glory of God be filled in the whole earth, upon every people. This is the dream I dream these days. I want God to use me for this work. I want God to use us for his great work!

Why these days? Recently, I realized that God is working in my life for his gospel. Before, I was not aware of God working through me. I thought I was to be taken care of by God and other people. I was young, childish, wanted to receive continuously and did not know how to give and how to pray for others.

But, I am coming to the realization that I am praying for others these days. There are increasing number of people I am praying for. I realize that I am so blessed so far. I was well received. I was well protected by many people. Many people have been watching over me by the grace of God. Reading the Bible, listening to sermons, reading books, talking to people, praying to God, by the work of the Holy Spirit, I am coming to the realization of all the blessings in my life.

Acts 1:8, “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Jesus cares for us. And when we received the Holy Spirit, we are opening our eyes to how much we have received, how much we are loved, how much we are blessed, how much we are filled. This Acts 1:8 states that when the Holy Spirit has come upon us, then we will be God’s witnesses.

We cannot give, unless we are enough. We cannot give without receiving. We cannot give with the mindset of receivers. The Holy Spirit comes to us and changes our mindset.

From v1-13, there is the description of what happened when Holy Spirit comes upon the people. Violent wind of the Holy Spirit. Opening the mouths of the people testifying the goodness of God in every different language. People are puzzled because they have never seen anything like this.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, received the Holy Spirit and filled his heart with the Holy Spirit, Peter stood up.

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

He is not begging grace from Jesus any more. His heart is fulfilled with the confidence and conviction. His heart is filled with the glory of God. Now, he is giving the name of the Lord to the people gathered around him.

Just like Acts 1:8, **v14, Peter is raising his voice to the people in Jerusalem. “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem! Let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.”**

The work of the Holy Spirit in Peter begins now. Peter is the first missionary to non-Jews, Gentiles. Just like Acts 1:8, Peter’s life was led to preach the Gospel. Peter was the witness of the Gospel first to his city, nearby areas, and to the ends of the earth.

This is not Peter's power or Peter's wisdom, not even Peter's plan. This is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8, "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

This is the promise of God and this is the desire of God for each one of us.
We have received love, care, blessings, heart of God, and gift of time from others.
Do you know reservoir, where water gathered?
And do you know the Dead Sea? Why is it called the Dead Sea?
Water comes in, but there is no way out.

Water is received, and received, and received. But, there is no way out. No giving, no life.
Stagnant water is bound to corrupt. It has no life in endless receiving. Blessing must flow.

May the Holy Spirit come upon you at this time and make you known to all the blessings you have received and change your mindset. Change your eyes. Change your thoughts. Change your speech. So, we are no longer receiving from others all the time, but we become the giver. We become the witness of the gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit living in us.

This is the word of the Lord for us today.

The Lord's Table This is the time for the Communion at the Lord's Table.

In a world dry and thirsty, Living Water flows.

In a world fainting and breathless, Divine Wind blows.

In a world cold and dark, Spirit's Flame glows.

Spirit has always been here, and we open our awareness to perceive the Holy Spirit and receive him. Spirit is here as we gather around the Lord's Table and share this meal.

Let us taste and see that the Lord is good.

(Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:) ***(Please say BOLD print together)***

L: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also, with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: Divine Mystery, Your breath fills the universe and makes it alive. We praise you, Divine Life, for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Your love blows through all creation and makes it one. We praise you, Divine Lover, for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Your presence fills every corner, your voice fills every silence, and your heartbeat lives within every living thing. We praise you, Divine Presence, for your gift of the Holy Spirit. For your amazing grace and love for us, we gather today and **we lift our hearts in joyful praises.**

(Sanctus) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: God, we come knowing that we depend on you for life and truth and love. We come knowing that you welcome us with open and accepting arms. We come ready to meet with you, and be changed by the encounter. Lord Jesus, thank you for all you have done for us. **We proclaim the mystery of faith:**

P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

L: Holy Spirit, as we share this bread and wine, let it be a sharing in Christ's body and blood, Christ's life and presence; and may we embody your life, love, and presence in our homes and community. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the BREAD and Pouring the WINE – prepare your Bread and Wine

“This is the **body** of Christ, broken for you.” (BREAD)

Take, eat, remember, and believe that the precious body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins. (Let us take it)

“This is the **blood** of Christ, poured out for you.” (CUP)

Take, drink, remember, and believe that the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was shed for the complete forgiveness of all our sins. (Let us drink it)

Prayer after Communion:

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witness in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Gracious and loving Father God, thank you for the promise of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for your presence among us. Your great power is with us. Your amazing love is with us. Your embrace, your care, your kindness, your blessings are with us. We come to the realization by your Holy Spirit. Thank you, Lord.

Change our hearts. Change our attitude. So, we end receiving and desire to receive, and become giver with your power. Let your blessings in our lives be flowing from us to the ends of the earth. Holy God, we desire your will be done through our lives. We long to see your glory in our lives. We pray for your glory to be seen and testified through our lives. We are yours. Use us, Lord.

We pray for the people suffering with their sicknesses. Precious God, touch their bodies. Heal their bodies. Encourage their hearts. Give strength to them, so they are healed and recovered both in their hearts and bodies. We remember Elijah. He was hopeless. He prayed to you for his death. But, the Lord came and provided food and let him rest until he gained energy. Let this happen to our brothers and sisters who are going through their difficulty of health.

We also pray for the people who are suffering with their relationships. We are all different and unique. But, we are all from one God, the God of love and grace. Although it's difficult because of our differences, help us remember where we are from and what our Creator wants from us. Give us power to embrace and love those whom we are having difficulties to love. Give us your heart so we offer them up to your hands, so we wish them peace and well. Also, give us courage to move on. Give us wisdom to discern. Also, help us bring everything before your feet and leave them up to you and walk away from our past in faith. Restore our broken souls and help us rebuild our lives with you.

Also, we are praying for your GOSPEL. Jesus, you came to us, you lived with us, you experienced what we are experiencing, you understood us, you had the same feelings and pains, you took all our darkness and sins on the cross, you resolved the problem of our brokenness and death, you became the sacrificial Lamb of the atonement of all our sins, you are resurrected, you gave us life, and you became our Lord and King. Thank you. And still, you want us to come

back to you, with your faithful love. This is the greatness of your gospel. You never change, you never give us up, you never let us go, you never stop loving us.

With the power of the Holy Spirit, we want to carry out your gospel. Fill us and strengthen us. And use us for you. All the praise and glory and power and wisdom and courage and kindness and goodness and all the good things and positive descriptions are yours. We cannot describe you with our wisdom. You are all. Receive us. In Jesus' powerful and glorious and beautiful and precious name, we pray. Amen.

Invitation to the offering: This is the time for offering. Pentecost celebrates the gifts of the Spirit poured out on the Church, preparing Christ's followers to serve him. Our offering today will build up the ministry and mission of Christ's Church here and everywhere in his name. Let us pray for our offering.

Offering prayer:

Spirit of grace and power, bless the gifts we offer today so that they may accomplish surprising things in Jesus' name. Equip each of us, and all of us together, to proclaim the Good News with grace and power in ways we have not yet dreamed possible. In Jesus' beautiful name, we pray. Amen.

Song for the Journey BOP 384 O Breath of life, come sweeping through us

<u>Vs. 1</u> O Breath of life, come sweeping through us; Revive your church with life and power. O Breath of life, come cleanse, renew us, And fit your church to meet this hour.	<u>Vs. 2</u> O Wind of God, come bend us, break us, till humbly we confess our need; Then in your tenderness remake us, Revive, restore, for this we plead.
<u>Vs. 3</u> O Breath of Love, come breathe within us, Renewing thought and will and heart: Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us, Revive Your church in every part.	<u>Vs. 4</u> O Tongues of fire, come rest upon us, So we may speak your word aright; Kindle the flame of love among us, Equip your church to spread the light.

Now, it is the time for us to be sent to the world. **Acts 1:8, "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."** With the Holy Spirit with us, let us go out and spread the power of God and display and witness the works of God in our lives.

Benediction: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, And the Love of God, And the intimate fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Be with us all, now and always. Amen.