

**Worship for Pentecost Sunday
May 31, 2020
Crosscreek Baptist Church**

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Opportunities to Connect

A Blessing of Peace

Centering

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship Litany

*Holy Spirit,
Sweep through my being like a mighty wind.
Fill and inspire me
With the crackling fire of Your presence.
Heal and refresh me
Within the fold of Your tender wings.
Comfort and counsel me
With wisdom and understanding.
Breathe into me
The breath and blessing of new and abundant life.*

The Lord's Prayer

...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hearing

Hymn of Praise - No. 235 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

*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.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

*This is the word of the Lord...
Thanks be to God.*

A Moment for Children

A Time of Reflection

When the Spirit of God descends upon a man and overshadows him with the fulness of his outpouring, then his soul overflows with a joy not to be described, for the Holy Spirit turns to joy whatever he touches.

The kingdom of heaven is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Acquire inward peace, and thousands around you will find their salvation.

- St. Seraphim of Sarov

Worship in Song “Daystar”

A Reading from the Epistles 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*This is the word of the Lord...
Thanks be to God.*

Hymn of Discipleship - No. 234
“Spirit of the Living God”

*Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me;
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Break me, melt me,
Mold me fill me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall fresh on me*

Sermon
“Carrying the Spirit Well”

Responding

Silence and Meditation

*There is no radiance greater than the light
of the spirit's initiation;
no wisdom on earth possesses comparable power.
It cannot be measured on the scales
against pearls or precious gems;
no priceless thing can be compared to it;
nothing approaches its inner beauty;
all other beautiful things fail in comparison.
It is more desirable than anything on earth,
and its beauty can even lead the world
captive in desire,
seducing angels and humans alike. - Narsai of Edessa*

Hymn of Response - No. 241
"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*There's a sweet sweet spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.*

*Sweet, Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly dove,
Stay right here with us...Filling us with your love.
And for these blessings...We lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know
That we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.*

Enacting

Benediction and Blessing

Hymn of Parting
"An Old Irish Blessing"

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your field; And until we
meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

Postlude