

# Pentecost Sunday

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## Gathering

### *Call to Worship*

A breath in the stillness.

**(whisper) ...the breath of God surprisingly stirs within us.**

A breeze to sway the treetops.

**(quietly) ...the Spirit of God brings us together to strengthen the faith community.**

The strong wind sends the clouds flying.

**(louder) ...the Holy Spirit sends us out with the strength of Christian justice; and the compassion of Christ's love.**

The force of the gale leaves nothing untouched, changing everything.

**(very loudly) ...with awe and wonder we rejoice, for God's realm is approaching.**

Let us worship God.

### *Prayer of Approach*

**Holy Spirit,**

**You are the holy breath that animates life, the holy dove that descended on Jesus' baptism,  
the holy fire that inspired Peter to preach,**

**Come to us again, move among us like that strong gale wind in that room so long ago,  
that we might hear Your voice calling us to ministry in the world.**

**We ask in Your Name, the name of the Holy Spirit, that quiet voice that moves nations.**

**Amen.**

### *Offertory Prayer*

These gifts, O God, will work in partnership with Your Spirit:

**bringing old and young together in worship,  
building faith community,  
searching out the confused and lost,  
restoring the sick and depressed,  
reaching far beyond the shores of this nation, in practical help,  
giving hope to those in the empty places of life.**

Bless these gifts, O God, and influence them with Your love.

**We pray in the name of Jesus, Your Beloved One.**

**Amen.**

## Listening

### *Children's Time*

Reading: [Acts 2:1-21](#) (NRSV)

Today is the church's birthday! Our reading today comes from just after Jesus had left the apostles and risen into heaven. The Spirit comes down to be with them in a surprising, and perhaps shocking, way.

### Questions

1. How did the disciples feel as the story began? What were they doing?
2. I wonder how they felt when the wind and flames came around them?
3. I wonder how they felt and what they did when they could suddenly speak another language?
4. By the end of the day, what do you think had changed in the disciples?

### *Sermon*

In the Western Church, the Holy Spirit is often ignored. But even if we don't acknowledge the Spirit, They are still there. What is the Holy Spirit doing in this passage from Acts? What is the Holy Spirit doing in our lives today?

### Questions

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## Serving

### *Prayers for Community*

*Refrain:*

With Your unseen but effective influence,  
**Holy Spirit, we can do it/we can be restored!**

### *Closing Hymn*

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### *Benediction*

In the power of the Holy Spirit, nothing is impossible!

**We will leave the past behind carefully;  
we will share generously;  
we will face decisions bravely;  
we will participate gladly;  
we will confront evil without fear;  
we will venture confidently;  
we will be reconciled joyfully;  
we will grasp discipleship enthusiastically.**

With the Spirit you can find fulfillment, and live faithfully!

*Amen*