

WORSHIP HANDOUT

May 23rd
Pentecost Sunday



OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're in person and online

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit,

The wind of God, the breath of Life.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Our Advocate, our Counselor.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Teacher of wisdom, reminder of Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.

Come, Holy Spirit.

May we feel God breathing through our worship.

May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen.

~ written by Joanna Harader and posted on **Spacious Faith**. <https://spaciousfaith.com/>

HYMN

This Is a Day of New Beginnings 383 v 1-4

TIME OF PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER

**O God, You who are always doing a new thing,
we confess that we sometimes close windows
against the fresh air of new ideas,
against the noise of other people's worries,
against the winds of change.**

**God of every place and time,
we confess that we often draw the curtains
against people who are different,
against world news or community concerns.**

**Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes,
our shuttered churches,
the security systems on our hearts.
Open up our lives,
and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.**

— posted by Teri on the RevGalBlogPals A Place for Prayer blog. <http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/>

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER (MUSIC)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy 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. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and
forever. Amen.

HYMN

Spirit of the Living God 393 x2

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LESSON I

CEB

Acts 2: 1-21

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. ⁴ They were all filled with the

Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

⁵ There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. ⁷ They were surprised and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? ⁸ How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” ¹² They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Others jeered at them, saying, “They’re full of new wine!”

¹⁴ Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! ¹⁵ These people aren’t drunk, as you suspect; after all, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! ¹⁶ Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

**¹⁷ *In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.
Your young will see visions.
Your elders will dream dreams.***

**¹⁸ *Even upon my servants, men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.***

**¹⁹ *I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,***

blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.
²⁰ *The sun will be changed into darkness,
and the moon will be changed into blood,
before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.*
²¹ *And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

May God add a blessing to this reading.

LESSON 2

CEB

Romans 8:22-27

22 We know that the whole creation is groaning together and suffering labor pains up until now. 23 And it's not only the creation. We ourselves who have the Spirit as the first crop of the harvest also groan inside as we wait to be adopted and for our bodies to be set free. 24 We were saved in hope. If we see what we hope for, that isn't hope. Who hopes for what they already see? 25 But if we hope for what we don't see, we wait for it with patience.

26 In the same way, the Spirit comes to help our weakness. We don't know what we should pray, but the Spirit himself pleads our case with unexpressed groans. 27 The one who searches hearts knows how the Spirit thinks, because he pleads for the saints, consistent with God's will.

L: This is the Word of God for all people.

P: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Distilled Down to Hope

HYMN

Pass it On 572

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God,
giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we
have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words
only, but with our whole lives.

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 420 v 3

POSTLUDE