



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Huit Invocations
III. Chante l'Esprit Saint qui anime nos vies du souffle de Dieu

Invitation to Worship

Jim England

Choral Introit

Jeffrey H. Rickard

Come Thou, Lord, Creator Spirit

Come thou, Lord, creator spirit, Tune the humble heart to thee. From the flame of love now kindle flame in spirits born for thee. Thou the father of thy children; Thou the orb of liberty. Thou the treasure we do cherish: Thou our hope and destiny. Come thou, Lord, in all thy splendor. Let the wall of temple ring. Seraphs' cry allow to render clear the anthem we would sing. Thou so mighty, now recover for thyself thy majesty. Thou, so gentle, now deliver for thyself thy people free. ~ *Douglas C. Bowman*

**A PENTECOST OF TONGUES EXPLODES
 IN PRAISE OF JESUS' NAME**

Opening Words

Perry Dixon

Wind of God, who awakened creation and stirred dry bones to life —
sweep through this virtual space and enliven our worship.
 Wind of God, who descended as tongues of flame and gave birth to the church —
sweep through our congregation and ignite our hearts.
 Wind of God, who guides our ministry and equips us for service —
sweep through our work of Love and empower our witness.

Hymn of Praise (228)

FESTAL SONG

A Rushing, Mighty Wind

1. A rush - ing, might - y wind roars
 2. God's Spir - it blows the wind and
 3. Three thou - sand souls that day in
 4. Lord, make our breath a wind and

through a crowd - ed room, and tongues of fire up -
 lights the blood - red flame; a Pen - te - cost of
 mind and heart were stirred; and these were add - ed
 let our tongues be fire, and as at that first

on their heads dis - perse the peo - ple's gloom.
 tongues ex - plodes in praise of Je - sus' name.
 to the church as they be - lieved the Word.
 Pen - te - cost Your peo - ple's lives in - spire.

GOD'S SPIRIT BLOWS THE WIND

A Reading from Acts

Carol Harston

Acts 2:1-21

Prayer of Confession

Renee Purtlebaugh

God, winds are roaring all around us.

When the winds of fear consume, guide us back to your rushing wind of peace.

When the winds of loneliness threaten, guide us back to your rushing wind of connection.

When the winds of numbness overwhelm, guide us back to your rushing wind of inspiration.

When the winds of chaos disorient, guide us back to your rushing wind of deep breaths.

When the winds of despair overshadow, guide us back to your rushing wind of hope and light.

Forgive us. Give us discerning and bold spirits planted firmly in the language and rushing winds of Your Love. Amen.

Words of Assurance – The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

The Exchange of Peace

Becky and Bill Martin

Hymn (233)

BRIDEGROOM

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
 2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
 3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of

flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
 Vine, to the Church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
 prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

new flame's ea - ger might:
 midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare:

LORD, MAKE OUR BREATH A WIND

The Gospel Lesson

John 7:37-39

Jim England

Sermon

Language of the Spirit

Organ Meditation

Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. Alice Jordan

Reflection on DOWN AMPNEY

You are invited to meditate on the following hymn text:

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

Offertory Prayer

Carol Harston

LET OUR TONGUES BE FIRE

News for the Community

Lauren Jones Mayfield

Benediction

Jim England

May the grace of the Creator bless us with peace,
may the love of Christ sustain us in joy,
**and may the power of the Spirit, One, fill us with courage,
this day and forevermore. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Plainchant, 4th century
Hal H. Hopson

Variations on VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Today's pre-recorded service shared beautiful photographs from past Pentecost Sundays.
Now more than ever, we give thanks for the gift of Bill Campbell's photography.

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