

The Presque Isle Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Pentecost Sunday - May 28, 2023

Prelude

Barbara Merryman

Gathering Music

“You are Welcome Here”

Words of Welcome

Melissa Vance

Introit Video Liturgy

Welcome Spirit Wind

Call to Worship¹

O God, our hearts are on fire this day!

Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!

We come here to be empowered to serve you.

Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!

Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day!

Opening Prayer (unison)

Spirit of wind and fire, come to us this day, freeing us from our fears. Lift us up when we have fallen. Dust us off and set us squarely on the path to hope you have set before us. Remind us that we are never far from your presence. Get us ready for the great adventure and opportunities that lie before us. Help us to be good and willing workers for you. In Christ’s Name, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Most Gracious God of patience and persistence, we live in a broken and shattered world. All around us we see great evidence of hatred and alienation. We cannot help but observe the alienation of your people from each other. We create devices to separate rather than unite; to divide rather than come together in hope. Forgive our actions that have caused such division and hurt. Remind us today that the disciples, too, lived in a fearful world and that one day you came to them, as they sat huddled in fear, and you empowered them. You gave them hearts of courage and faith. Please bring to us the same hearts that we may serve you well, bringing peace and hope to our world. In the name of Christ, we offer this prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, fear no more! The power of God’s Holy Spirit has set us free from the prison of doubt and fear! Now is the time to shine with the light of God’s love, given to you by Jesus Christ.

¹ Service Prayers: Nancy C. Townley for Worship Connections April 17, 2020. Ministry Matters

Reception of New Members

Calvin Hall

Brad Hegemann

Meg Hegemann

Regina Bowie

Associate Membership

Ginette Rivard

Gary Sanfacon

Congregational Welcome

Unison Blessing Prayer

Choral Anthem

Here I Am Lord

PIUCC Choir

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Sara Harvey

Reflection

Following the An Geadh-Glas

Melissa Vance

Pentecost Prayer

O Breath of Life

The Lord's Prayer

Our **Creator***, 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 forever. Amen

**Please use whatever name is most familiar/comfortable when you pray to God.*

Community News and Announcements

Closing Hymn

There's a Spirit in the Air

Benediction

Go forth in the joy of the Spirit. Feel the power of the holy wind and fire in your lives.

We go forth into God's world as God's own children, emboldened and encouraged by this power!

Departing Song

God Be With You

Go in peace

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Gathering Music

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Introit

Visual Liturgy

Welcome Spirit Wind

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Opening Hymn

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

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Choral Anthem

Here I Am Lord

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Prayer of the Holy Spirit

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Closing Hymn

There's a Spirit In the Air - ST MARKS

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The New Century Hymnal

Departing Hymn

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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The New Century Hymnal

Acts 2:1-21

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 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."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews[a] 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.'