



Sunday, May 23, 2021
“Spirit Poured Out: Dare to Dance Again”
Pentecost Sunday

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We believe in extravagant welcome. We believe in God’s inclusive love. We start worship with a greeting that reflects that welcome and love.

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- 3. Share your offerings.**

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PRELUDE

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen/ All Day, All Night
Traditional Spirituals

WELCOME

1 No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey and faith's journey

2 You are welcome here.

GATHERING OUR STRENGTH

Threshold

Leader: Ezekiel has a vision of a valley full of bones receiving life, breath, sinew, and flesh after encountering the word of God. When they arise, they receive Spirit and they dance! As Easter people we celebrate the Spirit that continues to give life and breath to our dry bones. We dare to dance in the face of fear, in the face of cynicism, in the face of despair. We dare to dance "as long as we live" for we, like the early Christians, are the recipients of the Spirit of God which intercedes even when we think we can't make it to the dance floor.

**Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song,
Dare to dance their stories, sing out strong.
Dare to dance with freedom your whole life long,**

Dare to dance again!

Leader: The day of Pentecost has arrived and calls us to dance – to dance in the wind and fire of the Spirit, to feel, to allow exuberance to fill our bodies and souls. With those in Jerusalem on that day, may we dare to dream – to imagine – to let our breath be taken away – and to dance!

**Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song,
Dare to dance their stories, sing out strong.
Dare to dance with freedom your whole life long,
Dare to dance again!**

Leader: This is the call!

The flames of the Spirit are beckoning.

People: We lift up our heads to meet the day.

Our focus is on the future and what we might do together.

We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

When rain comes again, we will open the umbrellas of joy and set out anyway.

For we are called to dance again!

***HYMN Hymn #292 (Black Hymnal) Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a new.
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.
2. Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with you I will one will to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, breath of God, stir in me one desire:
That every earthly part of me may glow with holy fire
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life of your eternity

Prayer

Leader: Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation –
Praise to you for your indwelling Spirit
that moves within our lives.

Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek you –
so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ.

Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

Affirming the Peace Among Us

The peace of the risen Christ is with you!

And also with you!

You are invited to turn to the people around you and wave as a sign of graceful greetings this day.

LEARNING THE STEPS

A Story for All Ages- live in the grove with Mrs. Puia

Thank You to all of our Sunday School Volunteers 2020-2021

Deana Corell, Naomi DeNardo, Jana Hill, Karen Dojack, Chrissy Shivok

A STORY FOR THE AGES

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-12, 14 (*NRSV, adapted*)

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and brought me out by the Spirit and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. God led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.

God said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

The God said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Then God said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may

live."

I prophesied as God commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then God said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'

Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Second Reading: from Acts 2 (*NRSV, adapted*)

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.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "[People] of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

MESSAGE

Kerry Snyder, John Harting, Andy Dyzsel

THE BODY MOVES IN RESPONSE

Dancing Moment

"Into the Unknown Instrumental"

Kristen Anderson-Lopez, ROBERT LOPEZ, Stephen Oremus,
Dave Metzger, Andrew Page, Tom Hardisty

Paisley Dojack, dancer

Prayers of the People

"Teach Me to Dance" [refrain only]

**Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart,
teach me to move in the power of your Spirit,
teach me to [move] in the light of your presence,
teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.**

Leader: For the beauty of the world in all its diversity, we give you thanks, O God.

Leader: *Let us pray together...*

People: **May our gratitude to you fill our days.**

Leader: We need your healing, O Holy One,
for our troubled planet, for our nation,
for all who are struggling in body, mind,
relationships, and spirit.
We remember those who are suffering...

Leader: Let us pray together...

People: Come, O God, and restore our lives.

**Teach me to pray in the power of Easter,
following Christ in a life resurrected,
teach me to act with compassion and justice,
teach me to dance with the beat of your heart.**

Leader: Be with each of us now.

May the dance of your Spirit ever call us
to engage with you and with the needs around us.
Lead us; guide us; surround and fill us.

Leader: Let us pray together...

People: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

**Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,
teach me to trust in the word of your promise,
teach me to hope in the day of your coming,
teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.**

Prayer of Jesus (Unison)

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 debts

As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

Music Offering

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

Offering Our Resources and our Energy

Leader: We know that proclaiming resurrection and daring to dance as we have done this season doesn't mean that things are all OK. But it does bring us the energy we need if we are to continue to dance the dance of justice and find the steps of service. So let us continue the dance of generosity.

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STEPPING OUT

***HYMN 199 Sing! Prayer and Praise Go Make A Diff'ence**

**Refrain: *Go make a diff'ence. We can make a diff'ence.
Go make a diff'ence in the World. Go make a diff'ence.
We can make a diff'ence. Go make a diff'ence in the world.***

1. We are the salt of the earth, call to let the people see
The love of Go for you and me
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'ence in the world.

REFRAIN

2. We are the hands of Chris reaching out to
those in need
The face of God for all to see
We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace
Go make a diff'ence in the world.

REFRAIN

3. So let your love shine one, let it shine for all to see
Go make a difference in the world
And the spirit of Christ be with us all
As we Go make a difference in the World

REFRAIN

Benediction

Leader: As poet Rainer Maria Rilke said,

“That designing Spirit,
the mastermind of all things on earth,
loves nothing so much in the sweeping movement of the
dance
as the turning point.”

The Day of Pentecost is a turning point for the church – both
then and now!
The Spirit lives in us and still calls us to boldness and
brilliance,
to be filled with hope and love and joy,
and to dance with the rhythm of that Spirit.
May it be so in us and in all the church!

And may the Loving God,
Risen Christ,
and Dancing Spirit
fill you with all you need
for the days ahead.

And all God’s people said,
“**Amen!**”

Postlude

You Are My Kind (Amazing Love) Billy James Foote

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EVIDENCE OF STEWARDSHIP LAST SUNDAY

Offering (e-giving, envelopes, and plate)	
Last Week	\$4,486.00
Calendar 2021 (Jan.-April)	\$125,842.00
Calendar 2020 (Jan.-April)	\$121,255.00
Change from Last Year	+3.8%
Budget (July-April)	\$355,100.00
Actual (July-April)	\$338,935.00.
Giving vs. Budget	-4.6%
<i>Additional financial information available in Consistory Minutes</i>	

2021 Donations to the Northern Lehigh Food	
Last	\$55
Total YTD:	2,576 lbs, \$267

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS SPONSORS:

**Pastors Patience & Kayli for their creative, unending kindness, love and care
Thank you, Ann Snyder**

Your support is especially important now as we work to provide spiritual care and connection for members and the community through Facebook posts, ads, and online worship.

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