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Pentecost
CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

Frederick Atkinson
arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

Pastor Sunae

Opening Prayer (responsive)

Dr. Ananse Taharka

Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here:

People: the day when the flames of faith dance in our hearts.

Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here:

**People: the day when our babbling speech
becomes the Good News for the world.**

Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here:

People: the day when compassion is seared into our souls.

Leader: The Day of Pentecost is here:

All: let the people of God rejoice. Alleluia! Amen!

RevGalBlogPals

Opening Song (organ)

(Please stand if able)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
UMH 420

**1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

**3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Scripture

Acts 2: 1-21 (NIV)

Dr. Ananse Taharka

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen

Prayers & Gratitudes

O Lord, Hear My Prayer TFWS 2200

O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

The Lord's Prayer Ecumenical Version (UMH 894)

**Please feel free to use the name of your choice for God that speaks to your soul.*

Our *Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Passing The Peace Of Christ

Let us offer one another signs of peace and love.

Living As the Church

Offering & Thanksgiving (organ)

Spirit Song
UMH 347 vs 1

1. O let the Son of God enfold you
with his spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.

Closing Song

(Please stand if able)

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

UMH 404

Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.

1. Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,
out his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine,
ask my Lord if all was mine.

Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.

2. Jordan river runs right cold,
chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track,
runs to heaven and right back.

Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.

Closing Prayer (responsive)

Dr. Ananse Taharka

Leader: So now we leave this place of worship
and while so much of the road ahead is uncertain,
the path constantly changing,
we know some things that are as solid and sure
as the ground beneath our feet,
and the sky above our heads.

**People: We know God is love.
We know Christ's light endures.**

Leader: We know the Holy Spirit is there,
found in the space between all things,
closer to us than our next breath,
binding us to each other,
until we meet again.
Go in peace.

All: Amen

Rev. Nora Vedress (adapt)

Postlude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Traditional Spiritual