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PENTECOST

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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

WE APPROACH GOD

Breath of God,
gently whispering in our ears,
remove the dust of apathy which clouds our vision.
Energize us,
that we may be a source of comfort for the sick,
solace for the bereaved, and sight for the blind.
Holy Spirit of comfort and change,
send us out in confidence and joy
to keep the faith, and to share it.
Amen.

- Prelude** “A Meditation on Brother James's Air” (Harold Darke)
Linda Mourot
- Welcome and Announcements** Dave Ogilvie
- Prayer and Preparation**

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise “On Pentecost They Gathered” 289 - GG

- 1. On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.*
- 2. The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.*
- 3. O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.*

* Prayer of Approach

Responsive Reading “A Litany of Pentecost” by Ann Weems

LEADER: Jesus, the Risen Christ, told them not to worry
when he left them, but to wait for the promise.

PEOPLE: **And the promise came as they huddled in fear.
Tongues of fire leapt from head to head,
Spirit-smoke filled the room.
They cleared their lungs by running into the streets
and proclaiming the Word of God.**

LEADER: And all of the visitors heard of God’s mighty deeds
in their own languages: Medes and Parthians and Cretans
and everyone else stunned and wondering what it meant.

PEOPLE: **We are stunned and in wonder ourselves.
Is the undoing of the tower of Babel at hand?
Are the children of earth, scattered and divided
by nation, race, clan, and gender,
to be brought together again to the glory of God?**

LEADER: Yes, the same promise is ours.
We too can hear God’s Word in the voice of others.
But don’t only listen for your own language.
Try to learn a language that is new to you,
a language of torn down walls
and surprising relationships.

PEOPLE: **We need to hear God’s Word proclaimed
by different voices, in languages that are old and new.
If we listen, we might be surprised by what we learn.**

LEADER: The Spirit has given birth
to a fragile child named ‘Church.’
Nurture that child. Raise it with care and intent.
God has plans for this child.

PEOPLE: The call is ours. We can be the Church.
We can reach across barriers, we can love peace,
we can walk in justice before God.
It is not easy, but we can start with one another,
hear God's Word in another's language,
and be the people of Jesus Christ.

LEADER: The promise remains ours.
Jesus did not leave us alone but entrusted to us the Spirit,
so we could build a new world.

PEOPLE: Now is the time to dream dreams, to seek new visions.
The Spirit has come, the Church has been born,
we are heirs of the promise,
and the whole creation waits the day
when all things will be new in Jesus Christ.
So, let's get to work and become the promise!

ALL: Amen!

A Gift of Song "On the Day of Pentecost" (Douglas Nolan)
Sharyn Kreuger and Malcolm Paterson

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Prayers of the People of God

The Offering "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (Doris Akers; arr. Don Wyrzten)

* Offertory Prayer "For the Life That You Have Given" 717 - GG

*For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labour,
with these gifts that are your own;
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing. Amen.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Sylvia Stockwell

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8: 22 - 27

Epistle Lesson: Acts 2: 1 - 21

Sermon: "The Prevailing Spirit"

GOD SENDS US FORTH

Hymn of Response "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" 291 - GG

*Refrain: Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

- 1. You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers, and rise on your wings."*
- 2. You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When they were confounded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.*
- 3. You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.*
- 4. You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.*

Benediction

Postlude "Breath of the Living God" (Osvaldo Catena/David von Kampen)