

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

Blessing of the Graduates



Preparation

Prayer Over the New Fire

Be for us

A sacred fire—sanctifying us

A fire of compassion—warming us

A fire of forgiveness—healing us

A fire of purification—cleansing us

A fire of creativity—inspiring us

A fire of justice—summoning us

A fire of love—rekindling us

A fire of change—healing us

A fire of passion—empowering us

A fire of the Divine—illuminating us . . . Amen

--Macrina Wiederkehr

Prelude

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling
(In Babilone)

Michael Burkhardt

Greeting

Introit #288

Spirit of the Living God (vs.1)

[Living God]

Call to Worship:

One: Come, believers and faithful ones, sing your alleluias to God!

All: Praise God, who comes with the rush of a mighty wind and fills us with fire.

One: Praise God, who out of love for us sent Jesus Christ to live among us.

All: Praise God, whose spirit is poured out upon all flesh so our sons and daughters might prophesy.

One: God reaches into our lives and claims us, calling us honored and loved.

All: We are God's people.

Unison: Come, Holy Spirit, and find us in our wilderness. Lead us forth into the wonders of your love.

Prayer of Confession:

All: The Spirit calls each of us, but we are often reluctant to heed the call. The wind of the Spirit blows, at times fiercely, and draws us onward. Yet we cling to the fragile familiarities, to securities, and to safety. Help us to risk letting go, to stand free as your servant people. Help us to capture visions of the future, so that we can truly be the church.

(Silent prayers)

One: We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

The Promise of the Gospel

Hymn #282 *Come Down, O Love Divine* (3 verses) [Down Ampney]

Scripture Lesson Acts 2: 1-21

Sermon *Filled with the Spirit*
Rev. Alice Fleming Townley

Senior Sermon *The Blessings I Take with Me*
Rebecca Stokes

Blessing of the High School Graduates

Alex Miles, Rebecca Stokes, Brendan Swihart, and Andrew Tignor

Anthem Invention in F major, BWV 779 [by J.S. Bach]
Ben Baldwin, clarinet and Adam Epler, saxophone [Trans. Adam Epler]

The Offering
Sentences

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer "...forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors..."

Hymn #291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (4 verses) [Spirit]

Benediction

Postlude *Hail Thee, Festival Day* [Charles Callahan]

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