ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020 10:55 A.M.

Words of Welcome Harry Wooten

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Michael Gregg

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and are sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

Voluntary David Weigle

Every Time I Feel the Spirit — arranged by Richard Elliott

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten Ashley F, Jacob H, Brodie K Penelope M, & Mara T

With rushing wind and holy fire...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With tongues of flame and hopes rekindled...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With visions birthed and dreams restored...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With spacious grace and depth untold...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With rushing wind and holy fire...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Invocation Harry Wooten

O Spirit at work within us, we give thanks for the many ways to communicate our praise to you. We lift our voices to sing your praise and flex our hands to do your work. We proclaim your wonderful deeds through science, poetry, and everyday discussions. We witness through our faith and our finances. We use technology and social media to share your word. These are just some of the "tongues" you give us to spread your good news to the world. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshipers

I'm Coming to Gather All Peoples of Earth — ST DENIO

Testimony of Joy

Jaxson Hill

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer

Uplifted by the promised hope of health and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe due to Coronavirus.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud or post in the comments section.

We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Spirit of the Living God — IVERSON



Scripture Lesson

Gillian Simeon & Many Voices

Acts 2:1-21 [see insert]

Rosa Barrientos (Spanish)

Mike Jones (KiSwahili)

Bruce Luedke (Hawaiian)

Rita Nsumbu (Lingala) Daniel Solyom (Portuguese)

Sarah Stokes (Russian)

Donna Wood-Martin (French)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... Thanks be to God!

Solo Ken Medema

Come Down, Spirit — Ken Medema

Sermon Michael Gregg

"Throwing a Holy Ghost Party"

Offertory Ken Medema

Spirit of the Living God — arranged by Ken Medema

Communion Worshipers

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, gathered here out of love for you, and on this bread and wine. Let the bread we break be true fellowship in the body of Christ. Let the cup we share be a true participation in the new covenant in his blood. By your Spirit manifest in us the power of your redeeming love that we may be Christ for the world, serving in his name.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks to you,

broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Take, eat, this is my body given for you.

Do this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

Communion Prayer

For the bread that we have eaten, for the cup of blessing we have tasted, for the purifying waters of baptism, for the life that you have given: Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, we will praise you as long as we have breath. Amen.

Breathe on Me — TRUETT (stanza one)

Blessing Michael Gregg

Mighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to proclaim the Gospel: send us out in the power of the same Spirit to witness to your truth, and to draw all persons to the fire of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Amen.

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Postlude David Weigle

Every Time I Feel the Spirit — arranged by Mark Hayes

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Hymn Notes

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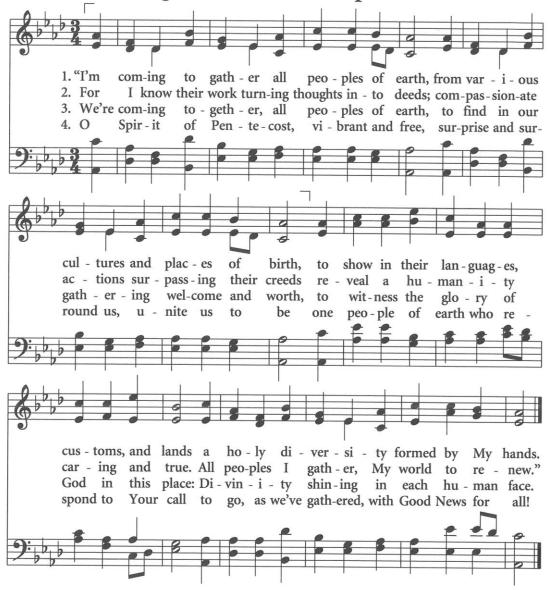
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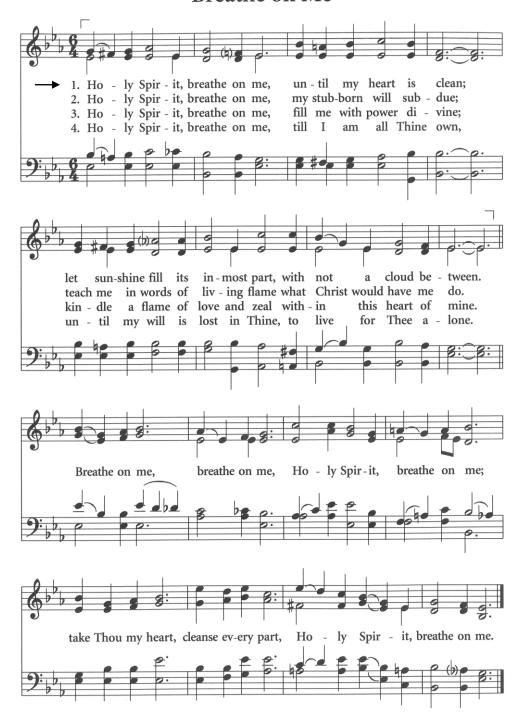
Breath on Me

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Breathe on Me



Schedule

All In-Person activities have been suspended until further notice. See the website for information and resources. royallane.org

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We invite you to use the Prayer Request Form, available on the website at royallane.org.

Deacons on Call

Alan Greider & Harry Hunter

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The Scripture this morning is Act 2:1-21

2When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, 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. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word... Thanks be to God.