

**ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**Heart of the Matter**  
**May 31, 2020**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

**SPEND TIME**

Prelude

*"Day by day, as they **spent much time together** in the temple, they **broke bread at home** and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, **praising God** and **having the goodwill** of all the people." (Acts 2: 46-47a)*

**Opening Act of Centering our Hearts**

Be still, O heart, you're not alone,  
your beat is shared with me.  
Come now, and calm, and center here,  
you're mine, secure and free.

Into your care, we offer now,  
our worries, fears and strife.  
We turn to you and know you're near—  
Your light, our love and life.

Let's light our candle and set our heart worry stones next to it.

**Hymn** A Light is Gleaming

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms  
through-out the night,  
living in the light.  
Come share its gladness,  
God's radiant love is burning bright,  
living in the light.

When light comes pouring into the darkest place,  
it hurts our eyes to see the glow. Sometimes a word of hope  
reminds us of our fears,  
our memories and tears.

**A light is gleaming, spreading its arms  
through-out the night,  
living in the light.  
Come share its gladness,  
God's radiant love is burning bright,  
living in the light.**

So, let us live in the brightness God has given,  
and let us rise to see the dawn.  
We trust that God is here a  
sparkle and ablaze,  
warming all our days

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through-out the night,  
living in the light.  
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God's radiant love is burning bright,  
living in the light.**

## **BREAK BREAD Blessing the Meal**

Wind and Fire of God,  
**Wind and Fire of God,**  
*[continue to repeat the next lines in this way]*  
We gather in your name...  
invited by Jesus...  
bound together with your Spirit...  
in union with each other...  
Feed our bodies and our spirits...  
with your comforting presence...  
so that we might be your comfort to others...  
Bless this food...  
and break open our hearts...

Bless this drink...  
and pour out your love...  
Amen...

## **Breaking Open the Word with Scripture**

**Scripture:** John 7:37-39, Acts 2:1-21

**Hymn:** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness vs. 1, 4 VU #375

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

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.”

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

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise.

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

**Reflection:** *The Spirit of Love our Hope and our Unity*

### **Action Response**

**Hymn:** There's a Spirit in the Air vs. 1, 6, 7  
There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:  
“Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
Living, working in our world.”  
May the Spirit fill our praise,  
Guide our thoughts and change our ways.

God in Christ has come to stay,  
Live tomorrow's life today.

There's a Spirit in the air,  
Calling people everywhere:  
Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
Living, working, in our world.

## **Breaking Open our Lives with Discussion**

What is it that is pouring from your heart today?

Or

What is it that your heart is on fire for?

Or

What winds of change you want to blow through your life?

What is it that is pouring from your heart today?

Or

What is it that your heart is on fire for?

Or

Complete this sentence, "The true heart of the matter for me in life/  
What I've learned is the most important thing is life is

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## **Breaking Open our Hearts with Prayer**

**Hymn:** Breathe on Me, Breath of God vs. 1 – 3, VU #382

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.

Breathe on me breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with thine,  
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with your fire divine.

## **Prayers of the Heart**

## **PRAISE GOD!**

**HYMN:** We are dancing in the heart of God

We are dancing in the heart of God

We are dancing in the heart of God

We are dancing in the heart of God x2

We are dancing, we are dancing x2

We are dancing in the heart of God x2

We are dancing in the joy of God x2

We are dancing in the joy of God x2

We are dancing, we are dancing x2

We are dancing in the joy of God x2

## **HAVE GOODWILL**

Pentecost Sunday - Sidewalk Messages of Good News After worship together, take messages of good news, hope, joy, peace, and love to the community using the sidewalks outside your home and throughout your neighborhood. Share with your neighbors the good news that they are loved, that there is hope, and that we are all in this together. Make your designs as simple or orate as you like, with messages like, "peace be with you" and "you are so loved" for everyone!

### **Benediction**

*(based on Psalm 16)*

### **Postlude**