

Durham Mennonite Church

May 31, 2020 Order of Worship

Gathering - 10:15 to 10:30

Call to Worship - Acts 2:17-21 - Marcia

Music Video – Breathe On Me Breath Of God

Prayer of Confession and

Words of Assurance – Marcia

Scripture - [Acts 1:1-11](#)

Scripture - [Acts 2:1-13](#)

Message: The Holy Spirit and the Kingdom of God

Response to message – Marcia

Sharing praise and prayer requests – Marcia

The Lord's Prayer – Marcia

Music Video – Holy Spirit

Benediction – Marcia

Call to Worship (Acts 2:17-21 NIV)

“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.'

Prayer of Confession

Lord of patience and persistence,
we live in a broken and shattered world.
All around us we see great evidence of hatred and
alienation. We cannot help but observe
the alienation of your people from each other.
We create devices to separate rather than unite;
to divide rather than come together in hope.
Forgive us for our sins.
These sins cause such division and hurt.
Remind us today that the disciples, too, lived in a fearful
world and that one day you came to them,
as they sat huddled in fear, and you empowered them.
You gave them hearts of courage and faith!
Please bring to us the same hearts that we may serve you
well, bringing peace and hope to our world.
In the name of Christ, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Dear ones, fear no more!
The power of God's Holy Spirit has set us free
from the prison of doubt and fear!

Now is the time to shine with the light of God's love,
given to you by Jesus Christ. AMEN

Acts 1:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach **2** until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. **3** After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. **4** On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. **5** For John

baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. **8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. **11** “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Acts 2:1-13 (NIV)

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and

Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father 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.

Benediction

Feel the power of the Holy Spirit flooding into your life.
Feel the joy! Celebrate the freedom to proclaim God's love
for all creation. Be the church of Pentecost! AMEN.