

Worship Bundle for May 23rd, 2021

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WELCOME

Remember that you are welcome here! You are a child of God and a part of the great mystery of creation.

INTENTION:

Take some time before venturing outside to read through this bundle. There are no set destinations, allow Spring and Creation to be your guide to walk, sit, dance your way through this worship.

BREATHE:

In the beginning, take a few moments to breathe deeply. Let go of other thoughts and plans. Focus on the worship ahead. Readout loud these words from the Book of Job:

*The Spirit of God has made me,
and the breath of the Creator gives me life. (Job 33:4)*

Take in a deep, slow breath through the nose.
Let the breath stay in your lungs for a couple of seconds.
Now slowly sigh the breath out through the mouth.

When we breathe, each breath is a Spirit breath. It is the breath of God in our lungs. Our bodies need oxygen, and our souls need the breath of God, working to heal us from the inside out. Breathe in again, again, and again.

CHECK-IN:

Turn to those around you and ask the question, *how do you arrive this day?* If you are on your own, ask yourself the question of yourself.

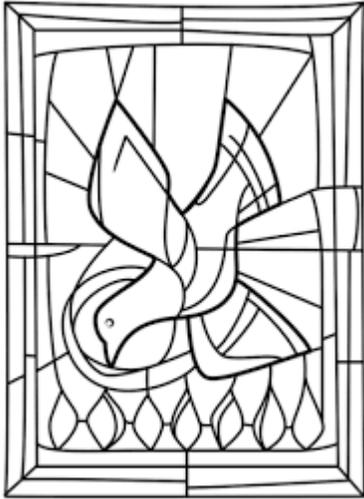
PRAY:

Breath of Life, on this Pentecost Sunday,
we ask that You breathe on us once again.
Make our consciences tender to Your touch.

We hunger for the life-changing power that Your Holy Spirit brings.
May our lives exemplify the fruit of Your Spirit:
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

May we use the gifts of the Spirit that You have distributed to
bless the church and build Your Kingdom on earth. Amen.¹

¹ ¹ Natalie Regoli, Six Good Prayers for Pentecost, connectusfund.org



SHARING THE STORY:

Acts 2:1-31

Narrator- Blue, Crowd-Green, Others-Orange, Peter-Purple.

Props: Wind Ribbons – Wave when indicated.
Flame Ribbons – Wave when indicated.

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

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

But 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, (WIND)
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; (WIND)
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist. (FIRE)
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God (WIND) did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. (FIRE) But God raised him up, having freed him from death because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. (WIND & FIRE)

Reflect on these questions:

What part of this story is most interesting to you?
What part of this story is most puzzling?
How would you feel if you found yourself in a similar situation?

Take some time to move around, walk, stretch, dance, skip while thinking over this question for yourself:

In the story of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is represented by wind and flames.
What form, if any does, the Holy Spirit take for you?
Can you imagine being filled with the Holy Spirit?

“The Fruits of the Spirit” is a metaphor for the things the Holy Spirit helps us find: *Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.* (Galatians 5:22-23)

*Is there a Fruit you need to nurture and grow more of for yourself?
How might you achieve having a more fruitful connection to God, Spirit, Jesus?*

Return to your group when you are ready:

Share what came to mind (if anything) while you pondered these words. Give each person an opportunity to respond.

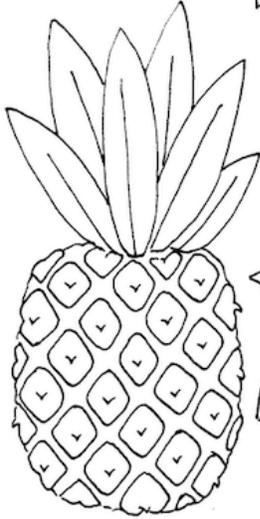
CLOSE:

As we close our time together, we gather and share a prayer (in unison):
God of Wind and Fire,
We celebrate today the indwelling of Your Holy Spirit,
which You sent upon the believers on the day of Pentecost,
and which is our blessing today.

God, we thank You for the transforming work of
Your Holy Spirit in our lives and through our lives toward others.
We thank You that You have given us the fruits of the Spirit.
Remind us to use Your love to do the work You have given us.
Amen.²

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LOVE JOY



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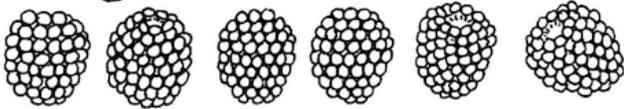
Peace

Patience

Kindness



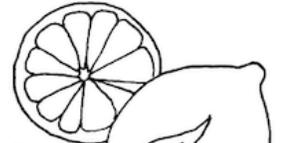
Goodness



FAITHFULNESS



gentleness



SELF-CONTROL



