

Spirit OF THE LIVING God

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. — Acts 2:1–2

*Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Break me, melt me,
mold me, fill me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me*



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Day of Pentecost

May 20, 2018

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Pastor The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

We Assemble in God's Name

Organ Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Gathering in Song (seated) "This is the Day"# 590

Welcome

Prayer of Preparation (unison): Kind and Giving God, we awakened to the sound of your windblown spirit as you inspired us with the fire of your heavenly joy. We came to church this morning encouraged by your hope, comforted by your peace and resting in your love. Guide us today, so we as a people might be better than our yesterday; push us to find your image present in those around us; strengthen us to serve somebody, to help somebody, and to love somebody. In one voice we say thank you, hallelujah and amen.

Chimes

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 104

Leader: O Lord we pray

People: *that your glory will last forever.*

Leader: O Lord we pray

People: *that you will be please with what you have done.*

Leader: As long as we live we will sing and give you praise.

People: *O Lord we pray that our thoughts will please you,*

All: *because you are the one who makes us glad!*

***Hymn of Praise..... "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"#315 Blue**

Announcements and Celebrations

Welcome of Visitors

*** Passing of the Peace +**

Pastor: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

People: *Peace be with you! Let us now share the peace of God with one another.*

(Congregation greets one another, exchanging words of peace.)

Special Music

"Until I Found the Lord"

The Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison): Lord, every now and again we just want to say thank you. Thank you for caring about us, thank you for blessing us, thank you for guiding us and thank you for loving us. If it had not been for you on our side, we must wonder as to where we would be. Open our minds and open our hearts that we might receive the gifts that come from you; inspire us to live in your kingdom and allow us to spread the joy we have to others. In the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

Invitation to Prayer and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response..... "Spirit Song" (chorus).....(insert)

We Proclaim God's Word

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:1-12

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Gospel Lesson

Mark 5: 1-13; 18-20

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Special Music

"I've Got a Feeling"

The Choir

Prayer for Illumination

The Rev. Vernie Bolden, Jr.

Sermon

"You CAN Do It"

We Respond to God's Word

***Invitation to Discipleship**

***Hymn of Commitment** *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"* # 316 Blue

***An Affirmation of Faith**

-- from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* **Gloria Patri** "*Glory Be to the Father*"# 623

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory (unison): Lord, we thank you for this day and we thank you for this opportunity to live our lives, and to live them full of the hope and joy that come from You. Lord, we could not have done it without You and we are thankful. We are grateful for the blessings you have given to us and we are glad that we can return some of your goodness to the church, to be used for the building of Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

* **Choral Response**

All things come of Thee, O Lord; and of Thine own have we given Thee.

Congregational Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

For our nation and its leadership, for President Trump; for our state and local officials, and those elected to national office— **for wisdom and compassion, for a spirit of cooperation** and the overcoming of barriers; for a capacity to seek the greater good instead of personal gain

For the leaders of other countries, and the efforts of all who seek to bring peace to the world—for North and South Korea; for Iran; for Israel/Palestine; **for Syria; for The Congo (also the Ebola outbreak)**

For our enemies, both personal and national, including terrorists

For our pastor and his family; for our ministry together

For unity in the Church, cooperation among denominations, for people of other faiths and for those who have no faith

For all who mourn the deaths of loved ones and friends: for victims of violence; victims of *mass shootings*; *survivors of recent tornados* in our region and other communities dealing with the aftermath of both natural disasters and manmade accidents, & for those who work to help them rebuild their lives; for those suffering from famine and hunger; for people in our own Roanoke & SW Virginia region

For those battling cancer & other health and life-challenging issues, for those dealing with depression, with addiction; for those recovering from illness or surgery: Priscilla Preston, Bob Hale, Terry Campbell, Audra Williams, Ernestine Johnson, Pat Brown (Ruth's sister), Carolyn Coleman (cousin of Joyce & Fred), Rev. Dusty Fiedler, Anita Pendleton, Jim Slaughter, The Roberson family, Ruth Hilton, Brenda Williams, Jackie Manns, Harold Robertson, Paul Witting (with Parkinson's); Robert Woodworth; health care workers and researchers; for the elderly

For our children and youth; for their teachers & school staff; for those in our neighborhood; for those who work with young people and seek to bring them to Christ and to nurture their faith in him

For our service men and women stationed around the world and their families

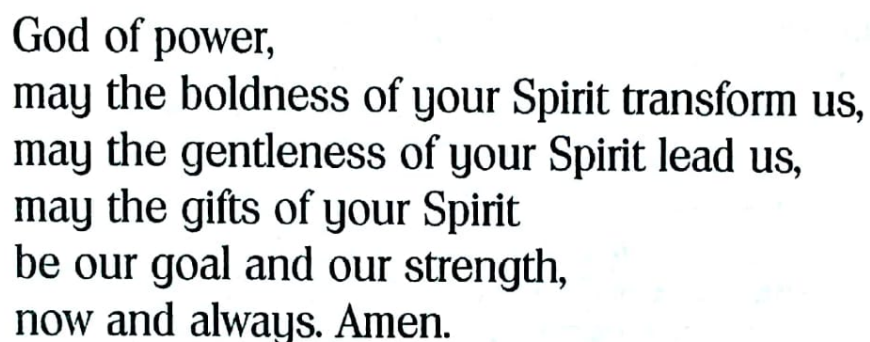
For those who seek employment, for the under-employed, for the homeless, for those who are in fear of losing their homes or their jobs; for those under stress at work and at home.

Betsy Haskins and family, whose grandson, Asher, is having minor surgery; she is traveling to South Carolina to take care of the other 3 while her son, daughter-in-law and Asher are at the hospital.

May is Mental Health Month
Mental Health America of Roanoke Valley

Read more on our website! — Check out mharv.org

Mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being, and mental illnesses are common and treatable. So much of what we do physically impacts us mentally –it's important to pay attention to both your physical health and your mental health, which can help you achieve overall wellness and set you on a path to recovery.



God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit
be our goal and our strength,
now and always. Amen.

Spirit Song

Refrain

Gmaj7 A7 A9/G F#m7 Bm

Je - sus, O Je - sus,

Em7 A7 Dmaj7 C/D D

come and fill your lambs.

Gmaj7 A7 A9/G F#m7 Bm

Je - sus, O Je - sus,

Em7 G6/A G/A D

come and fill your lambs.