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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

Alleluia!

Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia!

Let your heart overflow with the living water
that renews the face of the earth.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY:

Holy God,
like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon
the first disciples on the day of Pentecost,
and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared
their hearts and minds with the message of salvation.
Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place,
stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness,
that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your
mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN:**

"As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

#551

1. *As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.*

2. *We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.
In humble, listening spirit, we would live to God's delight.*

3. *As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness ' mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.*

***CALL TO CONFESSION:**

God has promised that everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord shall be saved.
Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

God of new creation,
we confess that we have failed to trust
your bountiful goodness.
By the power of the Holy Spirit
you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance.
Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts.
We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need.
We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies.
We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others.
Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit
renew our hearts and free us from sins
that we may enjoy the fullness of your
blessing upon all creation. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#377

O Lord, have mercy, O Lord have mercy,
O Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.
O Christ have mercy, O Christ have mercy,
O Christ have mercy, have mercy on us.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS:**

Sisters and brothers,
God offers forgiveness of our sins and
the grace of repentance.
Accept God's grace, repent of your sin,
and be restored to abundant life.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us offer and receive the peace of Christ as a sign of
God's grace and assurance of forgiveness.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
(We encourage you to share Christ's peace by texts and phone calls.)

***SUNG RESPONSE**

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Let us unite our hearts and minds in prayer for our world, saying,
Almighty God, **hear our prayer.**

For the church throughout the world,
Almighty God, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire the sons and daughters of your church
for prophetic witness to your truth,
and upon old and young give clarity of vision
to acknowledge your saving power in the world.
For nations of the world and its leaders,
Almighty God, **hear our prayer.**

Overcome the babble of misunderstanding among the nations,
and let all people hear in their own language and
recognize in their own culture
your unifying message of love.
For planet Earth, our home,
Almighty God, **hear our prayer.**

By your Spirit, renew the earth,
make us good stewards of its resources,
and teach us to enjoy its abundance rightly.
For those in need of healing,
Almighty God, **hear our prayer.**

Among those known to us, God,
We pray for those near to us who need your strength and healing...(prayer cards)
Send your healing Spirit upon those who are sick in body or mind,
restore them to health, and restore to them the joy of salvation.
For our neighbors and members of our civic community,
Almighty God, **hear our prayer.**
Teach us to be good neighbors,
to live in peace with one another,
and in friendship share the joys and burdens of daily life.
For our children, Almighty God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless our children, protect them from danger,
and help parents and caregivers nurture them
so that they may mature in wisdom and grow in grace.
For our enemies, Almighty God, **hear our prayer.**

Bless our enemies
and show us how we may do good to them
for the sake of Jesus Christ.
In your mercy, Almighty God, receive our prayers
and, according to your wisdom, provide all that we need;
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 OF ILLUMINATION:

Almighty God,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
speak to us in the language of our hearts,
that we may hear your Word with understanding
and answer your call with confidence. Amen.

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:24-30

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again. ²⁶ However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!” ²⁹ But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” ³⁰ Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. ¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

SERMON:

“Pentecost: Welcoming Fresh Expressions of Spirit”

Rev. Dr. Jared Witt

***RESPONSE HYMN**

“Spirit of the Living God”

#492

- 1. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*
- 2. Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.*

THE RECEIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY:

#34

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Almighty God,
we have opened our hands to you,
and our hands have been filled with good things.
Receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your care for us,
and help us to bless you with dedication of our lives;
through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN:**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

sung by Forefront Church (NYC) Virtual Choir

- 1. There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.*
- 2. Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.*

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

“Ode to Joy”

(Flash Mob)

Household Prayers

Morning

Spirit of God, source of life,
refresh my spirit,
reshape my desire,
and re-create my heart,
that I may show forth your enduring glory;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Evening

Spirit of God,
you sustained me during the work of day;
sustain me as I rest this night.
Let my evening meditations be pleasing to you,
that I may rise in the morning to rejoice in your goodness.
Awake or asleep, I will sing your praise while I have being;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.