

# THE NOON SERVICE

## The Season of Pentecost – “The Elements of Ordinary Time: AIR”

Community responses are in bold.

*Artwork by Megan Suttman*

### WELCOME

### GATHERING SONG *(please stand)*

### OPENING PRAYER

Officiant: Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and time

**All: Be with us in this time.**

Savior of the world, healer of the nations

**Be with us in this place.**

Breath of all that lives, of people near and far

**Stir within our lives.**

Maker-Spirit-Son, God of here and now

**Be present in our worship, that we may find  
new ways to be present in Your world. Amen.**



### THE LESSONS

*(Please be seated for the reading of the first two Lessons.*

*Then stand with us for the Alleluia and the reading of the gospel)*

### COMMUNITY REFLECTION

*Please be seated. All are welcome to share. Seek to listen without judgement. Seek to speak with compassionate integrity. Seek to respond (and not just react) to the ideas others have shared and make connections. Seek to be curious and find common threads. Befriend the silence between spoken words.*

*May we disagree gracefully, may we be challenged yet inspired,  
May we be uncomfortable yet awakened.  
And may the Spirit guide us.*

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Officiant: Hear O my people, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

Officiant: This is the first and great commandment.

**The second is like it: love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy, Untamed, Life-giving Wind, you blew over the darkness of the chaotic waters in the beginning, blow through the dark places of our lives and world. Surprise us by the mystery of your presence, even here.

**(Inhale) Lord in your mercy, (Exhale) Hear our prayer**

To the One who scooped up the dust and breathed life into it, remind us, your Church, of that original blessing given freely to all people, especially our neighbors, our enemies, the hungry, the unhoused, the orphan, the prisoner, and the refugee.

**(Inhale) Lord in your mercy, (Exhale) Hear our prayer**

O Gentle Stillness, you found Elijah in his waiting place, may we know of your tender presence in all of creation. Teach us to listen closely and tend to the earth as it whispers of your love and your abundance.

**(Inhale) Lord in your mercy, (Exhale) Hear our prayer**

Breath of the living God, just as the warmth of your breath filled the valley of dry bones, renew and enliven your people once again in order that your kingdom may be found among us.

**(Inhale) Lord in your mercy, (Exhale) Hear our prayer**

Merciful One, draw near to all who suffer this day. Provide extra breath for all who are sick, extra comfort for all who are bereaved and extra presence for all who feel alone. Guide us, your body, to care well for them.

**(Inhale) Lord in your mercy, (Exhale) Hear our prayer**

And because you are one with us, O Christ, in spirit and love, enable us to share your life with the world by sharing our own lives with the world. And so we pray, in the words you have taught us:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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.**

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Officiant: Holy God, Maker of all

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, Breath of life

**Have mercy on us.**

Officiant: Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

*Silence is held for a moment*

Officiant: Before God, with the people of God,

I confess to my brokenness:

to the ways I wound my life,

the lives of others,

and the life of the world.

**All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you,  
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Officiant: Amen.

**All: Before God, with the people of God,**

**I confess to my brokenness:**

**to the ways I wound my life,**

**the lives of others,**

**and the life of the world.**

Officiant: May God forgive you, Christ renew you,  
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

**All: Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Officiant: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS for the COMMUNITY

### THE DOXOLOGY *(Please stand for the singing of the Doxology)*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## THE INVITATION

Celebrant: The table of bread and wine is now ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with who Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. Let us pray:

**All: Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.**

## THE THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Spirit of God be with you.

**All: And also with you**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: And now therefore, joining with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Celebrant: Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread. On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body, given to you." In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God."

**All: Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world. Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION

Celebrant: He whose table was open to all is now present in this bread. He whose word welcomed friend, stranger and enemy offers friendship through this cup.

**All: With people everywhere, we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION SONG

*This table is welcome to all. If you wish to receive the bread and wine, please come forward and you will be served. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest and we will happily offer a prayer for God's blessing upon you. If you do not wish to receive, no problem. Feel free to use this time as you choose in your seat.*

*Gluten free wafers are available, just ask.*

*There is also someone from our pastoral care team available to listen and pray with you during this time.*

Celebrant: Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**All: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever Amen.**

## BLESSING

## CLOSING SONG

## DISMISSAL

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*This season's liturgy was gathered and adapted from the Iona Prayer Book, The Yellow House of Highland and The Prayers of the People were written by Brooklin Taylor.*