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PENTECOST: The 50th Day after Easter: Spirit & Wind & Becoming the Church

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in friendship with its people. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

To love another person is to see the face of God.

Victor Hugo

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: #79 MV Spirit, Open My Heart (Refrain/v.2/ Refrain)

Refrain:

Spirit open my heart

To the joy and pain of living

As you love may I love

**In receiving and in giving Spirit,
open my heart**

2. Write your love upon my heart

as my law, my goal, my story.

In each thought, word, and deed,

may my living bring you glory. R.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The joy of Pentecost be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us worship together!

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Holy One, may the gospel wind blow through this time of worship.
May the flame of wisdom ignite our minds. May the Spirit of joy
infuse our gathering, that we may be one in the body of Christ,
who asked his friends to pray together, saying:**

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 trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN#150 MV Spirit God, Be Our Breath, verses 1, 2, and 4

1. Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.

Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.

Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn...

Spirit God, be our song.

2. Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.

Comfort us, when we know you are near

we grow more certain, our vision is clear.

Patient God, calm our fear.

4. Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.

Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.

Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn.

Spirit God, be our song."

THE WORD OF GOD

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 10: 9-16

SERMON: *The Birth of The Church: The Great Endeavour of Love*

MUSIC: *Lean In Towards The Light*

Carrie Newcomer

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN# 642 VU Be Thou My Vision verses 1, 2, 4 and 5

**1. Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**2. Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee and thou in my life;
Thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
Thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.**

**4. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**5. Great God of heaven, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING: #156 MV Dance With The Spirit (x2)

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin'
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin'
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.