



New Utrecht Reformed Church at home
8th Sunday of Easter, Pentecost, May 31, 2020

We pray:

Dear Lord, together in our separation we gather to worship you. We gather to praise you. We gather to thank you, on this day especially for your Spirit. We gather to petition you for the many who are in need of healing, comfort and encouragement. We have no God but you, and we are grateful that we are a family of faith united by you.

We sing:

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

We pray:

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

(from Psalm 104)

We sing (2x):

There is a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
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,

Our Prayer of Confession:

O God, giver of the Spirit, we hear the amazing story of Pentecost this morning. But we've heard it so many times before. It is so familiar; we've ceased to be amazed and surprised or filled with excitement. Forgive us for our complacency. Blow us out of our complacency. Let the flames of passion dance in our lives. Inspire us with visions and dreams. Help us appreciate each gift you give us. Help us be truly Pentecost People. Amen

Our Word of Assurance:

God has promised to send us the Spirit, that we might know fully God's presence in the world and in our lives. Know that the Spirit of forgiveness and understanding flows over us this day and always.

Our Scripture Readings (please consult your own Bible):

- Acts 2:1-21
- 1 Corinthians 12:3-13

Our sermon: BEWILDERED, AMAZED AND ASTONISHED

*In thanks for God's Word and God's great work among us,
we will send our offering to Rita.*

We sing (2x):

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

We pray:

Dear Lord, hear our prayers for the people we name who are in need of your healing hand and the inspiration of your Spirit; hear our prayers for our families, friends and neighbors; hear our prayers for our city, our state, our country and the world as we all fight against a common enemy; hear our prayers of gratitude for all who serve, putting themselves at risk. Receive our joyful faith, and thank you for being our Lord, Savior and Comforter; bless us all this day and this week, we pray, until we gather again in the Spirit of worship. In your holy name, Amen.

We pray this Benediction together:

May we be held in the hand of God the Father Almighty
May we be filled to overflowing with the Light of the world, His Son, our Savior Jesus
And may we always be safely protected at home, and if we need to go out,
by the shalom-making Holy Spirit.
Amen.