

## UPC WORSHIP GUIDE- MAY 31, 2020

### Prelude – music and poetry reflection

#### Pentecost

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings  
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays  
Today the church draws breath at last and sings  
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.  
This is the feast of fire, air, and water  
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.  
The earth herself awakens to her maker  
And is translated out of death to birth.  
The right words come today in their right order  
And every word spells freedom and release  
Today the gospel crosses every border  
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace  
Today the lost are found in His translation.  
Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.

\*by Malcolm Guite, from “Sounding the Seasons”

PRAISE

### Preparation

#### Song - Arise My Soul Arise

Arise my soul arise  
Shake off your guilty fears  
The bleeding sacrifice  
On my behalf appears  
Before the throne my surety stands  
Before the throne my surety stands  
My name is written on His hands

*Arise (arise) arise (arise)*  
*Arise arise my soul arise*  
*Arise (arise) arise (arise)*  
*Arise arise my soul arise*  
*Shake off your guilty fears and rise*

He ever lives above  
For me to intercede  
His all-redeeming love

His precious blood to plead  
His blood atoned for every race  
His blood atoned for every race  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

Five bleeding wounds He bears  
Received on Calvary  
They pour effectual prayers  
They strongly plead for me  
Forgive him O forgive they cry  
Forgive him O forgive they cry  
Don't let that ransomed sinner die

His dear anointed One;  
He cannot turn away  
The presence of His Son;  
The Spirit answers to the blood,  
The Spirit answers to the blood  
And tells me I am born of God.

My God is reconciled  
His pard'ning voice I hear  
He owns me for His child  
I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh  
With confidence I now draw nigh  
And Father Abba Father cry

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**Call To Worship – based on Psalm 105:1-2, Romans 5:5, Revelation 4:8**

Leader: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

**All: We dwell in him and he in us.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

**All: Make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.

**All: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!**

## Song-You Are Good

Lord You are good  
And Your mercy endureth forever  
Lord You are good  
And Your mercy endureth forever  
People from every nation and tongue  
From generation to generation

*We worship You  
Hallelujah hallelujah  
We worship You for who You are  
We worship You  
Hallelujah hallelujah  
We worship You for who You are  
For You are good*

Yes You are yes You are yes You are  
So good so good  
Yes You are yes You are yes You are

You are good all the time  
All the time You are good  
You are good all the time  
All the time You are good

For who You are for who You are  
You are good You are good  
You are good good good  
Yes You are yes You are yes You are  
Yes You are yes You are

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## Adoration Prayer

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life: At the beginning of time you moved over the face of the waters; you breathe into every living being the breath of life. Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.

Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets: You enflame men and women with a passion for your truth, and through them call your people to the ways of justice and compassion.

Come, Spirit of Righteousness, and burn in our hearts.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus: by your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor and release to those held captive.

Come, liberating Spirit, and free us from the powers of sin and death.

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher: You speak to us of our Lord and show us the depth of his love.

Come, Spirit of power, make us bold witnesses of your redeeming love.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame: You filled disciples with joy and courage, empowering them to preach your word and to share your good news.

Come, Spirit of Power, make us bold witnesses of your redeeming love.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Peace: You break down barriers of language, race and culture, and heal the divisions that separate us.

Come, Reconciling Spirit, and unite us all in the love of Christ.

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life: At the close of the age all creation will be renewed to sing your praises.

Come, Creator Spirit, and make us new creations in Jesus Christ. Amen

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## RENEWAL

### Confession of Sin

Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit among us, that we are slow to serve you and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions and by your Spirit draw us together. Inflame us with a desire to do your will and be your faithful people for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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### Assurance of Forgiveness-Ezekial 36:24-28

<sup>24</sup> I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.<sup>[a]</sup><sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

## Song - There Is A Redeemer

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

*Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done*

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah  
O for sinners slain

When I stand in glory I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place

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## Lament – A Liturgy for missing someone

LEADER: We willingly carry this ache.

**ALL: We carry it, O Father, to you.**

You created our hearts for unbroken fellowship. Yet the constraints of time and place, and the stuttering rhythms of life in a fallen world dictate that all fellowships in these days will at times be broken or incomplete.

**ALL: And so we find ourselves in this season, bearing the sorrow of our separation from \_\_\_\_\_.**

LEADER: We acknowledge, O Lord, that it is a right and a good thing to miss deeply those whom we love but with whom we cannot be physically present.

**ALL: Grant us, therefore, courage to love well even in this time of absence.**

LEADER: Grant us courage to shrink neither from the aches nor from the joys that love brings, for each, willingly received, will accomplish the good works you have appointed them to do.

**ALL: Therefore we praise you even for our sadness, knowing that the sorrows we steward in this life will in time be redeemed.**

LEADER: We praise you also knowing that these glad aches are a true measure of the bonds you have wrought between our hearts.

**ALL: Now use our sorrows as tools in your hand, O Lord, shaping our hearts into a truer imitation of the affections of Christ.** Use even this sadness to carve out spaces in our souls where still greater repositories of holy affection might be held, unto the end that we might better love, in times of absence and in times of presence alike.

**ALL: We now entrust all to your keeping.**

LEADER: May our reunion be joyous, whether in this life or in the life to come.

**ALL: How we look forward, O Lord, to the day when all our fellowships will be restored, eternal and unbroken. Amen.**

## Intercessory Prayer

## COMMITMENT

## Announcements

## Scripture – Acts 2:1-13

**2** When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. **3** And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested<sup>[a]</sup> on each one of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**5** Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.**6** And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. **7** And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? **9** Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, **11** both Jews

and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”<sup>12</sup> And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

## Sermon – Pentecost and the Pandemic

### Song - May The Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night  
Into Your glorious light  
That we may sing the wonders of  
The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace  
That broke into our strife  
With boundless love and deepest joy  
With endless life

*May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
All Your blessing comes  
That we may praise  
May praise the Name of Jesus*

All the earth is Yours and all within  
Each harvest is Your own  
And from Your hand we give to You  
To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us  
For those who have not heard  
May songs of praise build lives of grace  
To spread Your Word

This our holy priv'lege to declare  
Your praises and Your name  
To every nation tribe and tongue  
Your church proclaims

Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty  
Worthy worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Holy Holy is the Lord Almighty  
All creation praise Your glorious Name

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## BENEDICTION

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise father son and holy ghost