

PENTECOST

The First Church in Belfast

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

June 9, 2019

10:00 a.m.

WE ARE GATHERED IN

WELCOME TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a day of miracles and mystery –

Let us hear the story!

This is a time for trust and courage –

Let us tell the story!

This is a moment for wonder and action –

Let us be the story!

THE STORY OF PENTECOST

with the Sunday School

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all in one place...

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush
of a violent wind...

and it filled the entire house where they were sitting...

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them...

and a tongue rested on each of them...

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit...

***OPENING HYMN** “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

#526

YOUNG PEOPLE’S MESSAGE AND MINISTRY

Presentation of **Bibles**

Recognition of **Teachers**

PENTECOST PRAYER *written with the children*

Children: **Thank you, God, for grown-ups that take care of us and love us.**

Congregation: Thank you, God, for the children that bring energy
and joy to us.

Children: **Give us the strength to stand up against the bullies and to try to make things fair in the world.**

Congregation: Give us the strength to stand up for social justice in
our world.

Children: **Forgive us when we get mad and treat each
other unkindly.**

Congregation: Forgive us when we get distracted by our differences
instead of looking for what we have in common.

All: **Thank you, O God, for the great things we have done together this year and for all the things we can do together in the
future. Amen.**

*GREETING OF PEACE

*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.*

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:4-18 Vicki Keller

SECOND READING Romans 8:14-17

GOSPEL READING John 14:15-17, 25-27

MESSAGE *“Pentecost Prophecy”*

WE LIVE THE WORD

*HYMN “In the Midst of New Dimensions” #391

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

INVITATION TO GIVE

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that love has done.

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, one.

(Note: The First Church honors the diverse languages of faith. Please sing with words that are meaningful to you. Other versions of the Doxology are found in our hymnal, #776-781.)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

On this day of the untamed Spirit, may we use these gifts in the audacious ways that God would celebrate! With joy and generosity, in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE ARE SENT AND BLESSED

***CLOSING HYMN and BUBBLE BENEDICTION**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, family all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow –
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

POSTLUDE