# First Baptist Church at Worship

May 15, 2016 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

### THE DAY OF PENTECOST

## come, holy spirit, come

Spiritual Song I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

I'M GONNA SING





2. I'm gonna shout... 3. I'm gonna pray ... 4. I'm gonna preach ... 5. I'm gonna sing ...

The Coming of the Holy Spirit – from Acts 2

Austin Carty & Alex Lockridge

+Hymn 225

On Pentecost They Gathered

ST. THEODULPH

## +Prayer of Confession

Paul Sims

God of fire and wind, holy and powerful, mighty and mysterious, we are drawn by Your Spirit to this place.

As we gather and behold Your glory, we are aware of how unworthy we are to be in Your presence.

We have ignored Your word.

We have rejected Your gifts.

We have failed in Your work.

Ignoring the truth of Pentecost, we continue to exclude those who are different from us.

We divide our loyalties.

We divide our hearts.

Let Your Spirit burn away our sins and fill us with faith and courage,

so that we might live into the promise of this day and receive the fullness of what You have prepared for us all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+The Peace Alex Lockridge

The peace of the Lord be with you

And also with you

+Response HYMN TO JOY

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;

Give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.

Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,

Still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;

For tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.

In the church's pilgrim journey You have led us all the way;

Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

- Janie Alfold, 20<sup>th</sup> century

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Children's Sermon

Alex Lockridge

Psalm 104 by David Haas





O bless the Lord, my soul, O Lord, how great are Your ways!

How many are Your works, O Lord! The earth is full of Your glory. REFRAIN

You take back Your spirit, we die, returning to the dust.

You send forth Your spirit, we are created, You renew the face of the earth! **REFRAIN**May the glory of God be forever, may the Lord rejoice in God's works!

May my thoughts and my deeds be pleasing to God, I find my joy in the Lord! **REFRAIN** 

A Reading from the Epistles: Romans 8:14-17

**Austin Carty** 

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

**Spiritual Song** 

I'M GONNA SING

I'm gonna preach when the Spirit says preach, ... and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

#### A Reading from the Gospels: Luke 24:36-53

The Gospel of our Lord Thanks be to God

#### Anthem

#### Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

by Benjamin Harrison

Alex Lockridge

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone;

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;

Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, Thou on earth our food, our stay!

Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to Thee from day to day:

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me,

Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes, nor questions how;

Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore!"

- William Dix. 19<sup>th</sup> century

Sermon

"Witnesses of These Things"

**Austin Carty** 

## come, holy spirit, come

#### +Hymn

#### O Day of Joy and Wonder!

**LANCASHIRE** 

If you wish to present yourself for membership today, or if you have another decision to share, please come to the front of the sanctuary during the hymn and a minister will receive you. You are welcome here.

O day of joy and wonder! Christ's promise now fulfilled:

The coming of the Spirit that holy love has willed.

Our Lord in human body to mortal eye is lost,

Yet comes in flame upon us at blessed Pentecost!

The world, in sheer amazement, the truth must now declare:

That those who once were cowards are brave beyond compare;

And tongues, which could not utter their faith in Jesus' name,

Defy all persecution God's glory to proclaim!

We too may know Your power; Your courage makes us strong.

Your love, Your joy, Your patience can all to us belong.

Come now and dwell within us, O Comforter divine.

Come to our hearts, and keep them; there let Your brightness shine.

- Violet Nita Buchanan, 20th century

+Offertory Prayer

Casey Petrey

# Breathe on Me text is that of hymn 231

setting by Gayle Majors

Concerns of the Congregation

**Austin Carty** 

Prayers of the People

Alex Lockridge

We pray for You to fill us with the Spirit, saying, Come, Holy Spirit, come.

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 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### +Doxology for Pentecost

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God who gives all blessings birth;

Praise God all creatures on the earth: Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise God, who makes, sustains, sets free – one holy God in person three:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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+ Spiritual Song

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing, ... and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

+Commission and Blessing

**Austin Carty** 

Organ Postlude

Come, Holy Spirit, Come

by Karl Osterland

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Gayle Majors, Organist Ann Hacker, Pianist

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