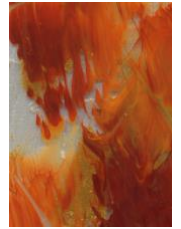


Season of Pentecost

21st July 2024

Led by *Hanna Albrecht and Paul Dean*



*Tongues as of fire
by Jan Richardson*

Welcome & Gathering

Call to worship:

One: The Holy One is here; the transforming flame of God is amongst us:

ALL: Warming our imaginations with vision

One: Refining our hearts with hope

ALL: Forging our world with justice and joy

One: Spirit of God,

ALL: With all that is in us, we raise our voices to praise you...

Hymn: O threefold God CH4 114

O threefold God of tender unity,
life's great unknown that binds and sets us free:
felt in our loving, greater than our thought,
you are the mystery found, the mystery sought.

O blaze of radiance, source of light that blinds,
fierce burning fire in clear prophetic minds,
you live in mystery, yet in us dwell;
life springs from you as from a living well.

In every making, each creative dream,
and in the flowing of life's healing stream,
when love is born or people reconciled,
we share your life, O Parent, Spirit, Child.

O threefold God of tender unity,
life's great unknown that binds and sets us free:
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you are the mystery found, the mystery sought.

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Prayer

Introduce Focusing Movement:

One: The transforming Spirit of God is:

ALL: Strengthening us in faith (*hands open*)

One: Nurturing us in hope (*hands at head*)

ALL: Uniting us in love (*hands clasped at heart*)

One: Spirit of God,

ALL: With all that is in us, we offer you our gratitude and praise...

We unite our prayers together in the Jesus' Prayer or Lord's Prayer using the form or words which are most worshipful for us...

Source of Life,

Father and Mother of us all:

Creation honours you!

May your Realm of Justice & Joy

Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another,

forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen

Introducing the Theme: Psalm 23 The Lord is my Shepherd

Hymn: The Lord's my shepherd StF 481

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want

He makes me lie in pastures green

He leads me by the still still waters

His goodness restores my soul

And I will trust in You alone

And I will trust in You alone

For Your endless mercy follows me

Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness

And He anoints my head with oil

And my cup it overflows with joy

I feast on His pure delights

And I will trust in You alone

And I will trust in You alone

For Your endless mercy follows me

Your goodness will lead me home

And though I walk the darkest path

I will not fear the evil one

For You are with me

And Your rod and staff

Are the comfort I need to know
And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

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Readings read by Jim Kerr

Ephesians 2:11-22

11So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— 12remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. 15He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, 16and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. 17So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; 18for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, 20built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. 21In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; 22in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

30The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. 31He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. 33Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. 34As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

53When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. 54When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, 55and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Sermon Rev'd Paul Dean

Meditation by Stephen Ziffo

Offering & Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow
Praise God all creature here below
Praise God above you heavenly host
Praise Maker, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

*Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.
Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711*

Communion

Gathering:

Hymn: Come to the table of grace

Come to the table of grace
Come to the table of grace
This God's table it's not yours or mine
Come to table of grace.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession & Sharing

Celebrant: We unite in prayer with followers of Jesus since the earliest times as we say:

God be with you

ALL: And with your spirit

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

ALL: We lift them to God

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Celebrant: Holy Loving God,

For the universe you have crafted in all its variety and mystery

ALL: We praise and thank you

Celebrant: For the gift of Christ Jesus; vulnerable healer & guide

ALL: We praise and thank you

Celebrant: For your Salvation; love crucified and resurrected.

ALL: We praise and thank you

Celebrant: With people everywhere, past present and yet to come

ALL: We praise and thank you

Song: This is the body of Christ CH4 799

Broken that we might be whole.
This cup as promised by God,
True to God's Word,
Cradles our Lord
Food the good of us all.

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Peace

Celebrant: Let us sign the Peace to each other...

Closing Response

Celebrant: Together we are nourished by Jesus' life.

ALL: We go to share his life and love.

Notices

Hymn: Let us talents and tongues CH4 673

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

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Blessing & Sung Amen

What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 21st July	11am	AUC and Online	Hanna is leading and Paul Dean is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 21st July	12 noon	Online	
Contextual Bible Study is on a summer break. Returning on the 2nd and 5th September (note the Weds evening session moves to a Mon!)				
Sunday Worship	Sun 28 th July	11am	AUC and Online	Carol is leading and Fiona is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 28 th July	12 noon	Online	
Our Tribe Coffee Social	Sun 28 th July	1.30pm	Coffee Saints, 2A Little King Street, EH1 3AR	All welcome!

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