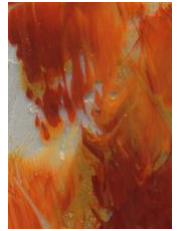


Season of Pentecost

14th July 2024

Led by Kathleen Ziffo & Mike Holroyd



*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: Sing for God's glory CH4 172

Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;
sun of delight succeeds the velvet of night,
warming the earth's exultation.

Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would bind us,
searing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us,
touching our shame with love that will not lay blame,
reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;
lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight,
offering freedom's transfusion.

Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey before us,
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;
in them we see the new creation to be,
spirit of love made flesh for us.

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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

Time for all ages – Mike Holroyd

Hymn: Spirit of God unseen as the wind CH4 600

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,

gentle as is the dove;

teach us the truth and help us believe,

show us the Saviour's love!

You spoke to us long, long ago,

gave us the living Word;

we hear it still, needing its truth

through it God's voice is heard.

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,

gentle as is the dove;

teach us the truth and help us believe,

show us the Saviour's love!

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Readings read by Gill Laurence

Mark 6:14-29

14King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." 15But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." 16But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

17For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. 18For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. 21But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 22When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." 23And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." 24She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." 25Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 26The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, 28brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. 29When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Reflection by Mike Holroyd

Meditation by Mike Holroyd

Prayers of the People by Kathleen 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.*

Notices

Hymn: Be thou my Vision CH4 465 (tune: Slane)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

True Light of heaven, when vict'ry is won
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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Blessing

Sung Amen

What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 14 th July	11am	AUC and Online	Kathleen is leading and Mike is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 14 th 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 21 st July	11am	AUC and Online	Hanna is leading and Paul Dean is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 21 st July	12 noon	Online	

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