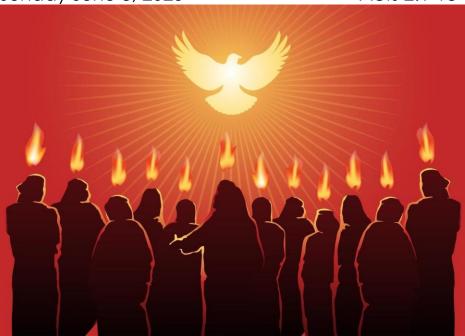
Sunday June 8, 2025

Acts 2:1-18



The Fullness of Easter Joy

The Gift of the Spirit

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

-Acts 2:4-6

"Ever since the early church fathers, commentators have seen the blessing of Pentecost as a deliberate and dramatic reversal of the curse of Babel... at Babel earth proudly tried to ascend to heaven, whereas here in Jerusalem heaven humbly descended to earth." -John R.W. Stott

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

-Ephesians 1:13

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

-Romans 5:3-5

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Leader: He is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed!

Call to Worship: John 7

Leader: On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

People: Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

All: Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Hymns of Praise

Free Grace

You children of God, by faith in His Son Redeemed by His blood, and with Him made one This union with wonder and rapture be seen Which nothing shall sunder, without or within

This pardon, this peace which none can destroy This treasure of grace and heavenly joy The worthless may crave it, it always comes free The vilest may have it, it was given to me

Free grace has paid for all my sin
Free grace, though it cost so much to Him
Free grace has freed even my will
Free grace to the end sustains me still

It's not for good deeds, good tempers nor frames From grace it proceeds, and all is the Lamb's No goodness, no fitness expects He from us This I can well witness, for none could be worse

Sick sinner, expect no balm but Christ's blood Your own works reject, the bad and the good None ever regret it that on Him rely Though guilty as Saul or Jonah or I

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that we may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He has done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our rejoicing Thru Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Prayer and Dismissal of the Children

Prayer for the World, the Church & the City

The Lord's Prayer

Confession

Our exalted Lord Jesus, you poured out your Holy Spirit upon the Church to fill us with new life and your love with which we might glorify you. We confess the times we have resisted and grieved your Spirit. Forgive our closed minds when we block out your truth and wisdom. Forgive our closed eyes when we blind ourselves to needs in the world. Forgive our closed hands when we clutch the gifts and wealth you have graciously given us too closely. Forgive our closed hearts when we limit our affections to ourselves and our own. Father God, through Jesus our Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us all our sins. Open our hearts to your Spirit, that we may open our lives to reveal your glory and share in the joy of your mission of love to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 6: 6-8; 12; 14

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Hymn of Assurance

Spirit of the Living God/I Exalt Thee

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.

For Thou, O Lord, art high Above all the earth Thou art exalted far above all gods (X2)

I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee I exalt Thee, O Lord I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee I exalt Thee, O Lord

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Tithes and Offerings: Care Team

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Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture - Acts 2:1-18

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

God's Word Today- Mike Hsu

Sermon Title: The Gift of the Spirit

Sermon Outline:

- 1. The Meaning of Pentecost for the Jewish Person
- 2. The Meaning of Pentecost for the Restoration of the World
- 3. The Gift of the Holy Spirit
- 4. The Call to Respond

Application Questions:

Do you know the person of the Holy Spirit? Are you daily empowered by faith and joy by the Spirit? Are you a person of joy and do you seek unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ?

The Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto you, O Lord, our Father Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name; evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution and Declaration of Faith

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Hymn of Thanksgiving

All I Have is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night Yet thought I knew the way The sin that promised joy and life Had led me to the grave

I had no hope that You would own A rebel to Your will And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race Indifferent to the cost You looked upon my helpless state And led me to the cross

And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place You bore the wrath reserved for me Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ Hallelujah! Jesus is my life (x2)

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone And live so all might see The strength to follow Your commands Could never come from me

Oh Father, use my ransomed life

In any way You choose And let my song forever be My only boast is You

Benediction: Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace

Minister: The Peace of the Lord be with you all

People: And also with you

Announcements

- 1. Zoom Prayer Meeting every Thursday 7-7:45 pm.
- 2. Please send Prayer requests & Tithes to mail@gracevancouver.com
- 3. There will be no Sunday service here on June 15th as we will be at our church retreat in Chilliwack.
- 4. Operation Baby Bottle- Pregnancy Care Centre fundraiser until Father's Day. Bottles available on the back table. Please return the bottles by Sunday, June 22th.
- 5. Harmonia concert on June 28th at 7:30pm. Donations to aid Cedar Pregnancy Care Centre.
- 6. INKS Grouse Grind hike on June 29th. Mark your calendars! Details coming.
- 7. Childcare volunteers needed for the summer months. Contact Tracy Quan if interested in helping.
- 8. Free Parking available across from Canada Post.
- 9. Children's Church and Nursery are available downstairs.

Tithes

2025 Annual Budget \$250,000 Giving Last Week \$2,740 Year-to-date Giving \$85,694

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