

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024 10:30 a.m.



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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "On Eagle's Wings" Michael Joncas; Arr. Lloyd Larson Lily Mulhall and Megan Richmann, Violins

(*) Indicates that all are invited to stand

*CALL TO WORSHIP (1)

One: We worship God who came among us. Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

One: Christ has sent us the Spirit of truth to dwell with us always.

All: We receive the Holy Spirit!

One: The Spirit comes upon the mighty and the lowly the same.

All: We receive the Holy Spirit!

One: The Spirit breathes life into the dry bones of our faith.

All: We receive the Holy Spirit!

One: Come, let us worship!



*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (1)

God of rushing wind and dancing flames, we confess that we have too often resisted the urgings of the Spirit and turned away from those who are different.

You seek to enlarge our understanding and bridge our divides, but we cling to that which is comfortable and known.

We have hoarded our resources out of fear rather than following the example of your earliest church and sharing with all as any have need.

Forgive our lack of trust in You. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, personally and as the church, as on that first Pentecost.

Embolden us to live renewed and transformed lives as disciples of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. (silent confession)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE (1)

The good news and blessed truth is this: God's Spirit is already here and at work in each of us. **Thanks be to God!**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Here in This Place" verse 4

Now in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in, all people together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

CHORAL ANTHEM "A Joyful Song to the Lord" Karen Crane and Jennifer Klein; Arr. Patti Drennan

Lily Mulhall, Violin; Megan Richmann, Cello

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21 Pew Bible p.885 A Word of God that is still speaking,

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION "On Pentecost They Gathered" #272 New Century Hymnal (For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)
On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
A band of Christ's disciples to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
And tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed To understand their language, as God in Christ they praised. What universal message, what great good news was here? That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe, On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive. That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power. The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago, Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow. O give us hearts to listen and tongues aflame with praise, So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

RESPONDING

We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS



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.

MISSION MOMENT: STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

OFFERTORY "Come, Thou Fount" Arr. Stephanie Immordino (A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

^{*} DOXOLOGY #781 New Century Hymnal

*COMMISSIONING HYMN: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" #282 New Century Hymnal (For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

Refrain: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain my God spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine. *Refrain*

Oh Jordan river, chilly and cold, it chills the body, not the soul. There's only one train on this track; it runs to heaven, then right back. *Refrain*

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Intermezzo in C"

Hermann Schroeder

SENDING

With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

Worship Endnotes

- (1) Adapted https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/2019-pentecost-worship-resources/
- (2) Adapted from Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1; Kimberly Bracken Long, editor.
- (3) Excerpted from Song of Faith of the United Church of Canada (2006).

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Worship Leaders May 19, 2024

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Unless the eye catch fire, God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire, God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire, God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire, God will not be loved
Unless the mind catch fire, God will not be known.

----William Blake

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