

Morning Worship
Sunday, May 23, 2021, 8:45 am
Pentacost Sunday

Beginning Music

Prelude

Words to ponder: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Come as tongues of fire to enliven us. Come as sighs too deep for words to comfort us. Come as our Advocate to guide us. Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Additional Scriptures for this Sunday: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Scriptures for Trinity Sunday: 1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15),
Psalm 138, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome Bill Florin

Call to Worship (*Responsively*) Leader

Leader: Testify to the goodness of God.

People: Sing praise to God.

Leader: Testify to the love of Christ.

People: Sing praise to Christ.

Leader: Testify to the presence of the Holy Spirit.

People: Sing praise to the Spirit.

ALL: Let us worship as those touched by the tongues of fire worshipped millenia ago.

Opening Prayer (*Unison*) Leader

Wind of God, present since before creation, fall on us now. Whisper to us. Shout to us. Comfort and guide us. Alight on us anew, and revive our own spirits to love and serve. Amen.

Opening Hymn "Breathe on Me Breath of God" UMH # 420

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages Rose Aiello

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Acts 2:1-21 (NSRV) Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 (NSRV) Leader

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

Hymn of Preparation "Spirit of the Living God" UMH # 393

Sermon "*Birthday Opportunities*" Bill Florin

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader

Gracious God, we do not often listen for your Holy Spirit. We turn from your guidance and your inspiration. The whispers and the shouts do not penetrate the noise of our daily lives. We silence the wisdom available to us through your Spirit of Truth. Open our lives to your holy whispers and shouts, that our very lives may testify to unseen hope. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (*Please mail in your offerings*)

Doxology

Offering Prayer (*Unison*)

When we do not know how to pray, your Holy Spirit prays for us in sighs too deep for words. Hear our prayers for goodness in the world. Receive these gifts, that they may help answer the Holy Spirit's hope for all creation. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" UMH # 404

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

Benediction

Benediction Response "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
UMH # 672, V1

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