



DAY OF PENTECOST

May 23, 2021

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Holy God, who comes to us in breath, visits us from the throne of heaven, and sets us aflame with amazement and joy, you open our paths to new visions and guide our feet deeper into your wisdom. Give us faith to trust your presence, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *March from Richard III* Walton
Dr. Terry McRoberts

CHORAL INTROIT *Come Into God's Presence* ANON
Choir Interns

*LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

ALL: *Come, Holy Spirit!*

One: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

ALL: *Come, Holy Spirit!*

One: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

ALL: *Come, Holy Spirit!*

One: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

ALL: *Come, Holy Spirit!*

One: Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts – the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may be transformed.

ALL: *Come, Holy Spirit!*

One: Let us pray. True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift: Send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind.

ALL: *Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom.*

One: Loose our tongues to show your praise,

ALL: *for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace and proclaim Jesus as Lord. Amen.*

***HYMN OF PRAISE: 286** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. John White

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. John White

Merciful God, You poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues and ready ears. We confess that we ignore your Spirit among us; we are silent about you when we should speak, and listen to almost any voice but your own. We do not listen for your word of grace which invites us. We do not speak the good news of your love which invites others. Have mercy on us, O God.

(silence for individual prayers of confession and repentance)

Gracious God, Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit. Fill us with a flaming desire to be a believing and witnessing people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. John White

One: People of God, body of Christ, sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God's truth has come upon creation and upon you, to interpret the mysteries of eternal time. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and by the authority of the church, I declare to you the complete forgiveness of your sin. Be at peace with one another because of God's mercy.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *(Hymn #581)*

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ACT OF PRAISE

On Pentecost They Gathered
Choir Interns

MUNICH

CONFIRMATION AND COMMISSIONING *(see insert)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen & Molly Richardson

*Cleve Bowen
Ayden Johnson*

*Darcy Puffer
Sidney Richardson*

*Je'Delle Ross
Abby Varino*

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION *(Kyle & Callie Craig)*

Rev. John White

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Elder Stacey McAdams

***HYMN: 306** *Bless Be the Tie that Binds (verses 1-3)*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. John White

EPISTLE READING

*Psalms 104:24-34
(Page 555)*

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Acts 2:1-21
(Page 119)*

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SERMON

"What Does it Mean?"

Rev. Courtney Bowen

RESPONSE

STATEMENT OF FAITH *(2021 Confirmation Class)*

Rev. John White

We believe in God the Creator, Jesus the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit, and that this Trinity loves each and every one of us as much as the other. Jesus Christ is the model for how we live our lives: loving and forgiving others, not judging one another --- but offering grace. God calls us to serve this world that he has created. God calls us into community with one another and to live by example in God's name. The Holy Spirit is the bond that holds us together, prompting every tongue to speak God's language of love and to proclaim Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. Amen.

(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)

OFFERING

Rev. John White

**Doxology (Tune: 591)*

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

**Dedicatory Prayer*

Rev. John White

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: 300** *We Are One in the Spirit*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

SENDING

***CHARGE**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

***SENDING FORTH**

*Spirit of the Living God
Congregation*

LIVING GOD

POSTLUDE

*Toccata on "O Worship the King"
Dr. Terry McRoberts*

Penfield