



DAY OF PENTECOST

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May 28, 2023

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Come Holy Spirit! Rain upon our dry and dusty lives. Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits. Kindle within us the fire of your love to burn away our apathy. With your warmth, bend our rigidity, and guide our wandering feet; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES *(Acts 2:17)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Remember the promise of the Lord:

ALL: *God will pour out the Spirit on all people.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRELUDE

Toccata and Fugue in A Minor

Krieger

Dr. Terry McRoberts

*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 acclaim Jesus as Lord. Amen.*

PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. John White

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. John White

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kingdom to come. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. John White

One: Through Christ, God has pour out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ALL: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447** *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: *And, also, with you.*

THE WORD

ACT OF PRAISE

O, divine Redeemer
Susan White, soloist

Gounod

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

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

TRENTHAM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. John White

FIRST READING *John 7:37-39* (page 100)

Rev. John White

One: This is the word of God for the people of God. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING *John 20:19-23* (page 115)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: This is the word of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

So I Send You

Rev. Courtney Bowen

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

Rev. John White

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

(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

OFFERTORY

Hymn-Tune Prelude on ST PETER

Lang

Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Doxology (Tune: 606)

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

SENDING

***HYMN: 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

***CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

Rev. Courtney Bowen

POSTLUDE

A Festive Postlude

Phillips

Dr. Terry McRoberts