

Day of Pentecost
ORDER OF WORSHIP
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 23, 2021

Seasonal Color: Red

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Prelude: "Living Spirit, Holy Fire" Ruth Duck/Lori True
(Laura Sparks and Cathy Murdock, Duet)

Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come, Holy Ghost)

Living Spirit, holy fire, burning bright to light our way,
Blaze among us and inspire lives that praise you day by day.
Warm us, draw your people near when our love draws weak or cold.
Free our frozen hearts from fear, that each story may be told.
Melt away the masks we wear, hiding what we know and feel.
Risking growth, we want to share love in action, love that’s real.
Open hearts; affirm us all, many-splendored, one in you,
We embrace the work, the call: You are making all things new.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Remember the promise of the Lord!
God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.
The Spirit of God renews the earth.
Bless the name of the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

God our creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit, all the world may unite in one song of praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn: "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" GTG # 280

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;
Give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
Still the church is called to mission
That God’s love shall be made known.**

**We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yester-years;
For tomorrow’s unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church’s pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;
Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.**

Litany for Pentecost

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

Come, Holy Spirit!

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

Come, Holy Spirit!

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

Come, Holy Spirit!

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

Come, Holy Spirit!

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!

Come, Holy Spirit!

Call to Confession and the Confession of Sin

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues. open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with flaming desire to be your faithful people, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Confession Response: "Glory Be to the Father" GTG # 581

**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.**

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Sparks

Sermon: "It's A New Day!"

David Roquemore

Anthem: "Hallelujah, Wind from Heaven" Richard Leach/Robert Hobby

Hallelujah, wind from heaven coming with a mighty rush;

Hallelujah, fire appearing, each believer felt the touch;

Wind and fire, the Holy Spirit, on the day of Pentecost;

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Then the sound of holy babble and a crowd of people stirred:

Past the borders kept by language came the witness and the word.

Hallelujah for the gospel; everyone who listened, heard.

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Hallelujah, men and women will speak out and prophesy. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, dreams and visions for the young and old alike. Hallelujah.

May a world in need of mending dream of making all things right.

Hallelujah.

Sweep aside the dreams that hurt us with your wind, O Holy One;

Give to us the dreams of healing, visions of your kingdom come.

Every tongue will join the chorus; hallelujah will be sung!

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: *Parker Graham Rhinehart*

THE PRESENTATION

THE QUESTIONS

THE PRAYER OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME BY THE CONGREGATION: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, that we may walk in the way of Jesus Christ together.**

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

(Aidan Duncan, Will Eneix and Sophie Job)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by The Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME BY THE CONGREGATION:

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, that we may walk in the way of Jesus Christ together.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Hymn: "Great God of Every Blessing" GTG # 694

**Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start;
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
In death and life extending you covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

**Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
Transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart;
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.**

Benediction

Postlude: Variation on "Jesus Shall Reign"

John Hatton, d. 1793/ David Cherwien

Greeters for today's service are Terry and Peggy Johnson.

Ushers for today's service are Clark Strickland & Scott Cranford.

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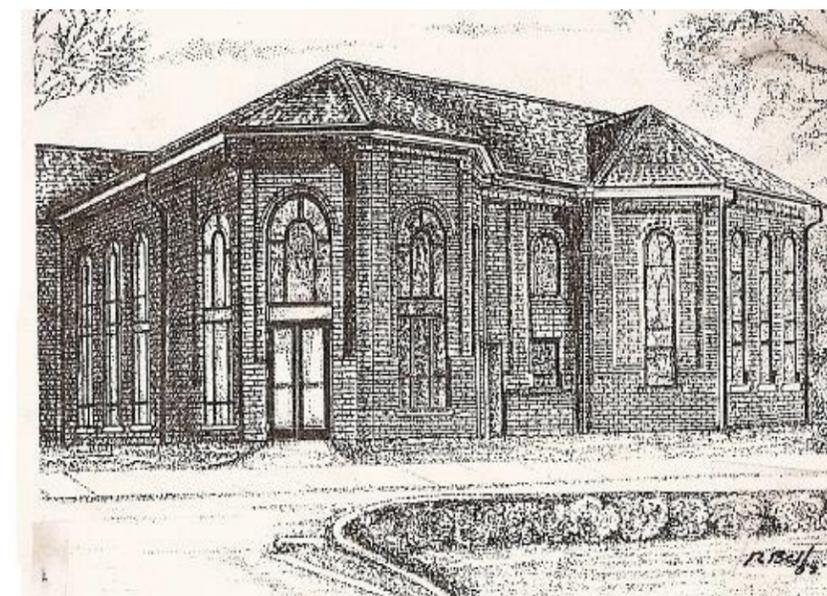
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