



Order of Worship

May 31, 2020

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

For the time being, we ask that singing be done only from the chancel, not from the congregation. Even masked singing puts everyone at too great a risk. Be assured that we will lift our voices in song again in the future, as it is safe to do so.

Prelude

Built On a Rock, the Church Shall Stand

Lindeman

Introit

Spirit of God

Folts

Call to Worship

***Hymn #218**

On Pentecost They Gathered

1. 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 aglowing inspired each person there.
2. The people all around them were startled and amazed
To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.
3. 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.
4. O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy and merciful God: have mercy on us. In your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we sin by wandering from your ways and wasting your gifts. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to live in your light, for the sake of Jesus, our Lord.

***Silent Prayer of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***Congregational Response**

Gloria Patri

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Toccata

Froberger

***Hymn #592**

The Doxology

***Prayer of Commitment and 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.

***Choral Response**

Anthem

Alle, Alleluia

Reinhart

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

¹ For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time

*Hymn #324

Open My Eyes That I May See

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-4, 42-43

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. David H. Green

The Work of Faith

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42)

*Affirmation of Faith:

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.

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! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Prayers of the People

*Hymn #466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!
2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
3. Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.
4. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Closing Response**

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

On Eagle's Wings

***Postlude**

Festive Recessional

Koury

*Please stand if able.

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Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Chills

Repeated shaking with chills

Muscle pain

Headache

Sore throat

Loss of taste or smell

Diarrhea

**Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19**

