



PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 23, 2021

Some tips for our time together:

1. Please mute your Zoom feed. There will be moments for you to share as you feel led at which point you can unmute.
2. As is typical, the singing and bold print are for communal response. Caroline and Dave will be unmuted and be the “out-loud” voice of the people. We invite you to sing and say the words aloud along with them where you are while muted.
3. Follow along in the bulletin on a separate device (e.g. phone)
4. We aren’t sure, but it might make sense to switch back and forth between the ‘gallery’ and ‘active speaker’ modes. Perhaps utilizing active speaker mode for the reading of scripture, homily/sharing, and prayers of the people, while using gallery for the rest.
5. Create sacred space. Find symbols of the faith—cross, candles, Bible, bowl of water, icons—to put on a table near you during this time.
6. Asterisks in the bulletin indicate where the congregation is invited to stand.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP* *(adapted from Worship Sourcebook)*

The God of the whirlwind and fire
sweeps into our presence on this day.

**Glory be to God, who strengthens us
and blesses all people with peace.**

God, who called all the world into being,
calls forth new life in us today.

**Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose
we are claimed and empowered.**

God, whose Spirit unites all people of every race and nation
confirms God's gifts in us as we gather here.

**Glory be to God, who fills us
for the work of worship and witness.**

SONG* - Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit. (echo)

Come, Holy Spirit. (echo)

Breathe among us. (echo)

Come, Lord, come. (echo)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING* *(adapted from Joanna Harader)*

**Holy One,
for all the ways you speak to us—
in rushing wind,
in dancing flames,
in words we understand,
and in all that transcends language,
we give thanks.
Give us courage to speak your love
everywhere we go
and to everyone we meet.
Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**We the members of this congregation
now welcome you with joy into our church family.
We pledge to you our love and support,**

**our friendship and our prayers,
so that together we may continue to grow
in the knowledge and love of God.**

SONG* - The Kingdom of God/El Reino de Dios

The kingdom of God is justice and peace
and joy in the Holy Spirit.
Come now and open in us
the gates of your kingdom.

El reino de Dios es reino de paz,
justicia y alegría.
Ven, Dios, y abre en mí
las puertas del reino.

WORD

FIRST LESSON - Acts 2:1-20

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

GOSPEL LESSON* - John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning...

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON - Pastor Aaron

RESPONSE

SONG* - O Spirit of the Living God

O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more
and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and pow’r,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow
until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news,
God’s glorious commonweal.

Teach us to utter living words
of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand
when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime
shall blend their prayers in one,
and earth shall form one family
by whom thy will is done.

So shall we know the power of Christ
who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life,
which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness
which makes thy children whole;
till all thy people then shall reach
creation’s glorious goal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

It is good that we do.

All glory is yours eternal God, who made the universe...
...who, in all times and places, praise your name, saying:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ
who chose to come as one of us,
and lived among us full of grace and truth.

**Your Spirit anointed him
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to free those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.**

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners...

... "This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**We remember the Lord Jesus,
confident he will be made known in the breaking of bread.
We remember the Christ,
confident he will seal the new covenant in our hearts as we drink this cup.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

...who loved us and gave himself for us.

**O God, who called us from death to life;
we give ourselves to you;
and with the church through all ages,
we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

SENDING

SONG* - All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty,
all who are weak,
come to the fountain,
dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow
be washed away
in the waves of his mercy
as deep cries out to deep, we sing:

Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*