

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

May 20, 2018

DAY OF PENTECOST

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ~ Romans 5:5

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Raguet Tutors

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Introit: **Hymn to the Holy Spirit** Randolph Currie

Litany for Pentecost:

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

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

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

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

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

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: 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.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: 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 reverence before the Lord, that the whole creation may become what you want it to be.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

(brief silence)

Leader: True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift: Send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind. Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom. Loosen our tongues to show your praise, for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace and acclaim Jesus as Lord.

All: **Amen.**

*Hymn: **On Pentecost They Gathered** #289

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, you poured out 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 a people made one in Christ. Have mercy upon us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a burning desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Hear now these silent prayers we lift to you. . . .

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **Spirit of the Living God** #288

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn?

People: **Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: **Amen.**

*Gloria Patri: **Glory Be to the Father** #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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory
*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #606
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalms 104:24-34, 35b**

Leader: How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

People: **There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number --**

Leader: There the ships go to and fro, and the leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

People: **These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.**

Leader: When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

People: **When you send your Spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.**

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

People: **he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.**

Leader: I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.

People: **Praise the Lord, my soul. Praise the Lord!**

Scripture Reading: **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

Anthem: **I Waited for the Lord** Felix Mendelssohn
Kelley McAdams, soprano
Rachel Nelson, mezzo-soprano

Time for Young Disciples

(Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.)

*Hymn: **Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness** #291

Scripture Reading: **Acts 2:1-21**

Sermon: **It's a Pentecost Miracle!** Jennifer Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith: 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.

Prayers of the People

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.

*Hymn: **Loving Spirit** #293

*Benediction

*Choral Response: **God Be with You Till We Meet Again** #542

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Gary Atkins Barbara Bahs
 Margaret Sultenfuss Clarence Bahs
 Shepherd: Vickie Wallace
 Liturgist: Steve Newton
 Reader: Clarence Bahs

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 20

5:00 pm Youth
 6:00 pm Session Meeting

Monday, May 21

June newsletter deadline
 5:15 pm Soul Sisters
 5:30 pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday, May 23

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 24

9:30 am Circle Meeting

Sunday, May 27

9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Children's Choir
 11:00 am Worship Service

RAGUET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TUTORS

Dee Allums
 Ron Anderson
 Pat Barnett
 Laurie Fisher
 Terry Kline
 Myra McNellie
 Clarice Miller
 Hamp Miller
 Nancy Niehaus
 Barbara Stump

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THE SESSION

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 Kristi Hachtel
 Michele Peck

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TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by the Afternoon Circle in loving memory of Betty Kline and Della Richardson.

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**May 20, 2018
 Day of Pentecost**

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.'

~ Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)