

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

June 9, 2019

## 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

Moment for Mission: **HOPE** Matthew Gallagher

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

People: **Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayers to the God of deliverance.**

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go, as you trust in the Lord.

People: **Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous; shout for joy, all you upright in heart.** Psalm 32

All: **Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn: **Morning Has Broken** #664

\*Prayer of Adoration:

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.**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your loving-kindness: according to the multitude of your tender mercy, blot out our transgression. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions: and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.** Psalm 51

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **Lord, Have Mercy** #551

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us?

People: **He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?**

Leader: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

People: **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.** Romans 8:31-35; 37-39

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! 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;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.** #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

**Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.**

Responsive Reading: **Isaiah 55**

Leader: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

People: **Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in God's abundance.**

Leader: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.

People: **Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

Leader: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

People: **For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

Leader: For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

People: **So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**

Leader: For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

People: **Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.**

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 2:4-7**

Anthem: **Come Flood This Heart of Mine** Frombach/Lantz

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: **Breathe On Me, Breath of God** #286

Scripture Reading: **John 20:19-23**

Sermon: **The Other Pentecost Miracle**

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.

\*Affirmation of Faith: from The Brief Statement 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.

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!"

\*Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness #291  
\*Benediction  
\*Choral Response: Go Into the World Dale Wood  
Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: Chris Kline Kristi Hachtel  
Robert Shirley Sharon Templeman  
Shepherd: Adam Peck  
Liturgist: Bobbie Ann Anderson  
Reader: Barbara Stump

TODAY'S FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God by Larry and Diana Walker in celebration of 54 years of marriage.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, June 10

9:00 am Prayer Group

Thursday, June 13

11:30 am Presbyterian Women Dutch Treat Lunch at Fredonia Hotel

Sunday, June 16

Happy Father's Day

11:00 am Worship Service

THE INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP at Westminster Church is always open to persons who wish to join us in witness and service to Jesus Christ. If you are interested in church membership or desire more information about this congregation, please indicate on the Friendship Pad or speak to the pastor, or one of the elders following the service.

THE SESSION

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Bruce McNellie  
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Ray Taylor  
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Bennie Kitchens  
Terry Kline  
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<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." ~ John 20:19-23