

June 4, 2017

Pentecost Sunday

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand as you are able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *Triumphal Chorus* Alexander Guilman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

The Spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.

The Spirit moves within us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.

The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of God's love.

As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN *Come, O Spirit* No. 127

CALL TO PRAYER (Be seated) Elder

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

**Gracious God,
We acknowledge once again
that we fall short of our high calling as your people.
If we have wished someone well
while withholding help and support we should have given,
forgive us, O God.
If we have loudly proclaimed our faith,
but then refused to follow Christ, forgive us, O God.
Through the power of your Spirit, make us persons of
courage, compassion, and integrity; through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg

Amen. We are the precious people of Christ.

We carry with us the special promise of God that we are loved

Each day is new.

The future is open.

Let us bring free and joyful hearts before God. Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE (Please stand as desired) *Glory to God Whose ...* (see insert)

1. *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has par-doned me, and to the Spir-it, whose love has set me free. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A-men.*
2. *World without end, without end. A-men. World without end, without end. A-men. World without end, without end. A-men. As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A-men.*

HEARING THE WORD

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Acts 2:1-22 Pg. 112
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Laura Sugg

SPECIAL MUSIC *Be Thou My Vision* Traditional
Katie Sakanai, Soprano Arr. Twila Paris

TIME WITH CHILDREN *(As the children come forward, please join in singing.)*

***This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.
Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.***

SERMON *Spirit of Life* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand as desired) Elder

**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 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. Amen**

—from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1991)

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Pentecost Offering Brenda Cavanaugh

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *My Lord, What a Morning* Arr. Robert W. Thygerson

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERING *Spirit of the Living God* No. 322
***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.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION Laura Sugg

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Consecration

Serving Communion

Bread is taken individually. Juice/wine is taken together; red wine is in outer ring of tray, white grape juice is in the inner ring of tray.

Prayer after Communion

* HYMN *Wind, Who Makes All Winds that Blow* No. 131

* CHARGE & BLESSING

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE STF 2223 v. 1 & Refrain

***We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

POSTLUDE *Triumphant Finale* Thomas Bliss

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Marny Eulberg Deacon Reader: Linda Johnston
Greeters: Jim & Betty Niquette Ushers: Kerry Gardner & Chuck Miller
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette Time with Children: Laura Sugg
Communion Servers: Anne Baker, Brenda Cavanaugh, Chet Myers, Dick Remington
Flowers: Anne Baker



*WPC Mission Statement
To worship God through faith and action,
to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education and prayer*

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