

## GATHERING FOR THE WORD

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

\* Please stand if able • Plain text = Leader • **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *A Festive Intrada* Cynthia Dobrinski  
Ridge Ringers

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

The Day of Pentecost is here:

**the day when the flames of faith dance in our hearts.**

The Day of Pentecost is here:

**the day when our babbling speech  
becomes the Good News for the world.**

The Day of Pentecost is here:

**the day when compassion is seared into our souls.**

The Day of Pentecost is here:

**let the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!**

\* HYMN *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* No. 474

CALL TO PRAYER & PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated, unison) Elder

Feel the Spirit of God moving in your soul. Listen to the Spirit speaking to you of hope and wholeness. Trust the promises God has made that new life is our inheritance. Join me as we open ourselves to God's healing Spirit, as we pray, saying,

**Spirit of God: you come, aflame with new life, but our apathy threatens to douse your passion; you come, on fire with love, yet we limit our affections to a select few; you come, surging with new dreams and new hopes, but we still cling to the old ways of living; you come, glowing with the vision of the kingdom, yet we close our eyes to your future.**

**Forgive us, Spirit of Truth, forgive us. Come to us, anew, this day: to shatter our hardened hearts with your tenderness; to set our souls on fire with your love; to send us into a world which aches for the new joy, the new hope, the new life offered in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*(A time for silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Amen. With a gentle breeze, God enflames our spirits;  
with a strong wind, God reminds us of our need to forgive and be forgiven.  
Like a cleansing storm, God takes away our past, revealing our fresh, new life.

**Awakened, refreshed, renewed, made whole: now we can dance with the wind, singing our praises to the One who gives life to all.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired.)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## HEARING THE WORD

EPISTLE READING *Romans 8:22-27* Pgs. 149-150

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *In Christ Alone* Keith Getty & Stuart Townend  
Annika Sovold and Naomi Sugg

TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH *(As children & youth come forward, please sing.)*

**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.**

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES CHORAL READING (based on Acts 2:1-21) Pg.112

Annika Sovold, Naomi Sugg, Don Tolin

SERMON *The Great Nevertheless of God* Laura Sugg

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) 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.  
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.**

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

\* HYMN *Kum ba Yah* No. 338

PRESENTATION TO KARL GARDNER Linda Valo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16  
*(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")*

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus*  
 Ridge Ringers Arr. Derek K. Hakes

\* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING *Spirit of the Living God* (see insert)  
***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

\* HYMN *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* No. 315  
 You're invited to come forward and place an offering in  
 "Wilbur" or the basket for local hunger relief and a clinic in Zimbabwe.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to elect Jeanne Miller as Deacon

\* 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 *Rondeau, from Premier Suite, 1st Movement* Jean Joseph Mouret  
*Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation, and to  
 celebrate with graduate, Karl Gardner.*

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Pulpit Elder: Allan Hills Greeters: Isaac and Nolan Sovold  
 Sound Engineer: Sean Mestdagh Ushers: Bill & Karen Powers  
 Visitor Desk: Ruth Breckon Time With Children & Youth: Laura Sugg  
 Flowers: Kerry & Eileen Gardner, Jeff & Barbara Stimson

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*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.*

***Pentecost & Youth Sunday  
 May 20, 2018***