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June 4, 2017 Pentecost Sunday



ALL ARE WELCOME

*“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,
and offer God today your love and your service.”*

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

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Pentecost Sunday

WELCOME TO ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

*HYMN # 261 - Let Every Christian Pray

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Receive with joy the gift of the Holy Spirit.

All: Let us feel the winds of God blowing among us.

One: How manifold are the works of our Creator.

All: The breath of God fills us with confidence.

*INVOCATION

Powerful God, whose ways are beyond our knowing, we long to grow spiritually. Let Pentecost happen again in this gathering of your people. Inspire us to witness to your love and prophesy in your name. Give us courage to speak of your deeds of power, and to take risks of daring discipleship. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE #756

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

We can say the words that come with Pentecost: spirit, wind, fire. We can claim an interest in knowing the God of all creation. How open are we to God's unpredictable summons and direction?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O God, we are frightened by strange tongues and people out of control. We want to manage our own lives and assure our safety. We are afraid that you will ask more of us than we are willing to risk. We are skeptical of dreams and visions. We cannot trust some people you ask us to love. We want to believe, but how can we? Help us, God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God comes unexpectedly to those willing to wait and listen and trust. The spirit amazes and astonishes even those who wait expectantly. God is more than we know or think. Even now, the Holy Spirit is resting on you and on this family of God's people. Do not be afraid.

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S YOUNGER DISCIPLES

At this time, all children are invited to come forward for the children's offering, and children's time. An offering is not required for participation. All are welcome, especially first time visitors.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

"I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing (3X)

And obey the Spirit of the Lord"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE with the PRAYER of CONSECRATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

arr. Shackley

OUR SACRED STORY

THE 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

SHARING the MEAL

We celebrate Communion this morning by Intinction (dipping your bread into the cup). All of the bread we use for Communion is now **gluten free**. You are invited to come forward where you will be invited to receive a morsel of bread and dip it into the grape juice. Your children are invited to participate and we trust that you will teach them the sacred meaning of this holy meal.

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING (in unison)

Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus:

For gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die,

For peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends,

For the glory of creation, for the mission of justice you have made our own.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 104:24-34

(O.T. p.614)

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:1-21

(O.T. p.123)

SERMON

Decision Time

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

CHOIR ANTHEM

“O Breath of Life”

Pepper Choplin

WE RESPOND WITH CONFIRMATION

SEE INSERT

*HYMN # 264 - Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

What we invest in the church's work is an expression of our thanks to God for all the gifts we have received.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY #785

**We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for filling our lives with good things. The abundance of your gifts to us is beyond our counting. Bless all that we return to you for the work of ministry among us and beyond us. Let your Spirit enliven our caring and add effectiveness to all our doing. Make us one in Christ Jesus our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

*HYMN #267 - Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

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