

PENTECOST SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE MAY 20, 2018

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

†**Centering Ourselves for Worship:** O Holy Helper, Paraclete, Spirit of Truth, our Advocate: Come with wisdom from on high! Come in truth and testify! We watch, we wait, we hope, we sigh! O search our hearts and purify!

Gathering Music “Father, I Adore You” **Jan Mauck**

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time **Brice Smith**

***Song** “I Will Call upon the Lord” **653**
 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” (Refrain only x2) **326**

*†**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Let God’s people of faith be gathered together.

Let the devout wait for the outpouring of the Lord!

People: Send your Holy Spirit upon us.

Fill this place with your heavenly wind!

Leader: Let each heart be open to welcome God the Spirit.

Let each one receive the blessed gift of the Lord!

People: Send your Holy Spirit upon us!

Light each one with your living tongue of flame!

Leader: Let your eyes be open to the revelation of God.

Let your mouths be filled with the word of the Lord!

People: Send your Holy Spirit upon us!

Enable us to tell of your awesome power!

***Invocational Prayer**

Song of Faith “Spirit Song” **352**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

A Reading from the New Testament **Romans 8:22-27**

***A Reading from the Gospel** **John 15:26-16:15**

***Responsorial** “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” **134**

Community and Congregational 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 glory, forever.

Invitation & Dedication of Our Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

Choir Offertory Special: “Gospel Jubilee”

Children’s Message (2nd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

Message “The Advocate Has Come”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE LORD IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***Invitation to Christian Faith and Discipleship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Song** “Spirit of the Living God” **492**

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** “Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”
Arrg. By Lloyd Larson

*Please stand if able

†Slemmons, Timothy Matthew, *When Heaven Stands Open: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship (Year B)*, Cascade Books: Eugene, OR. Copyright © 2013. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

PENTECOST – God promised to send the Holy Spirit (i.e., the Counselor, Guide, Advocate, etc.) in the Name of Jesus of Nazareth to dwell in the hearts of his Chosen people, forever (Jeremiah 31:31-34). Fifty days after the Resurrection (ten days after the Ascension) on Pentecost (the Jewish Festival of Weeks) the Holy Spirit came upon the Early Church to dwell permanently (Acts 2). Pentecost Sunday begins the long liturgical season of General Time (twenty-three weeks) when worshipers focus on the spiritual and numerical growth of God’s people. The Season of Pentecost ends on Christ the King Sunday on November 25.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

Acolytes (May) – Pat Carpenter and Macy Greuter

Communion Servers (June) – Jim Goodnow, Marty Rosa, Doug and Jan Mauck.

Evangelism Counselor (May) – Mark Calloway

Greeters (May) – Don Morris

Scripture Reader – Jan Mauck

Ushers (May) – Don Johnson, Bill Merrifield, Clarence Payne, and John Swain (Head Usher)

MISSION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ.

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