

# PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 31, 2020

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude “Christ Has Ascended” Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Opening “Open Your Eyes” *Worship Team*

\*Call to Worship *God Rules the Nations*

In the last days, declares the Lord, I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;

**Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.**

Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

**I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.**

The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes.

**Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

Joel 2:28-32 (New Revised Standard Version)

\*Invocation Prayer

\*Song “God of Wonders” *Worship Team*

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Acts of the Spirit *Acts 2:1-21*

A Reading from the Apostles *1 Corinthians 12:3b-13*

\*A Reading from the Gospels *John 7:37-39*

\*Responsorial #481 “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

The Prayers of the People and 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.

Offertory “To God be the Glory” Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Message “Just a Minute”  
The Reverend Doctor Cheryl Hensen, ABCUSA Minister (Ret)

Video “Blessings” *Laura Storey*

## RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

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

\*Song #492 “Spirit of the Living God” *Iverson*

\*Spoken Benediction

Postlude *Jan Mauck, Church Pianist*

*\*Please stand if able*

**Guest Speaker** - We welcome today as our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Cheryl Henson, a retired American Baptist minister, and former pastor of First Baptist Church of Topeka. Cheryl is married to Mike. They have three children and 7 grandchildren

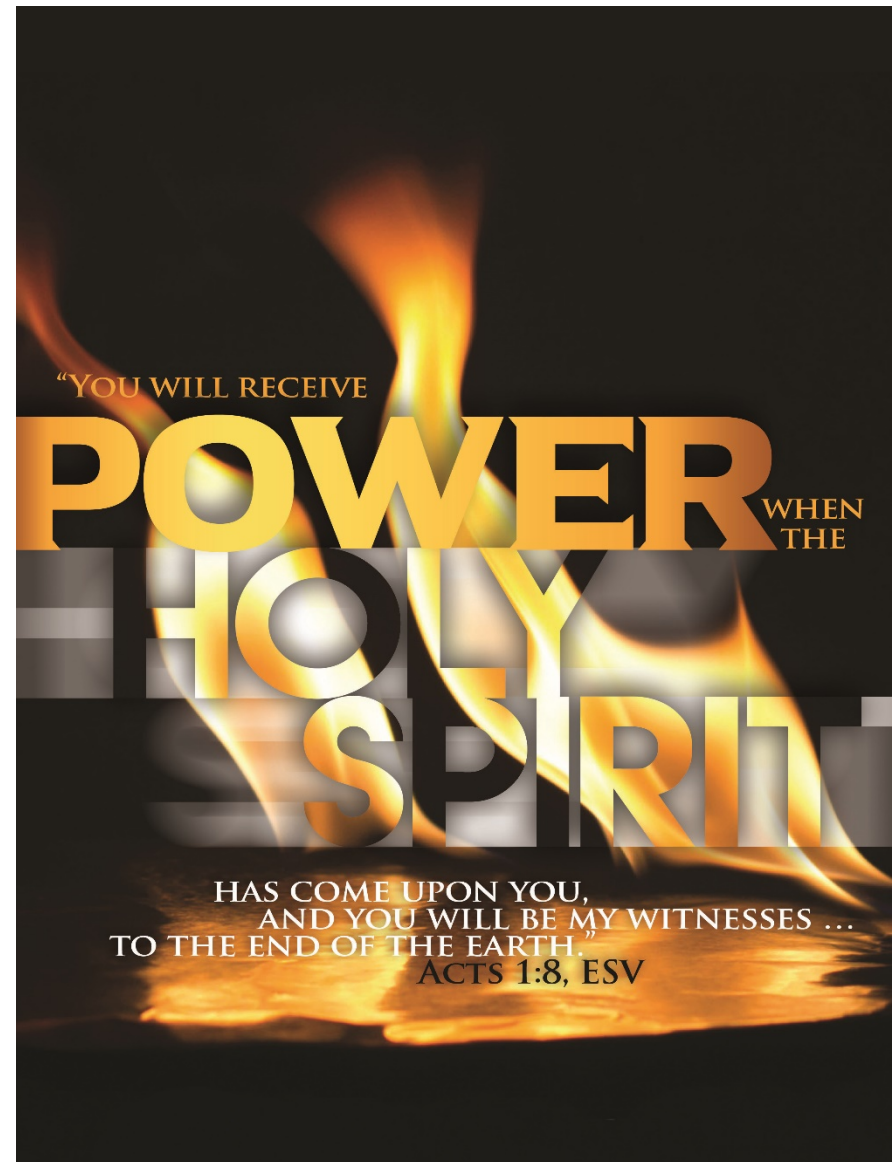
**PENTECOST** – God promised to send the Holy Spirit (i.e., the Advocate, the Counselor, the Guide, the Paraclete, etc.) in the Name of Jesus to dwell in the hearts of his Chosen people, forever (Jeremiah 31:31-34). Fifty days after the Resurrection (ten days after the Ascension) on Pentecost (the

Jewish Festival of Weeks) the Holy Spirit came upon the Early Church to dwell permanently (Acts 2). Pentecost Sunday celebrate the birth of the New Testament Church and God's union with His people. This Sunday begins the long liturgical season of General Time (twenty-five weeks), also called the Sundays After Pentecost, when worshipers focus on the spiritual and numerical growth of God's people. The Season of Pentecost ends with Christ the King Sunday on November 22, 2020.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** – We celebrate the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month, and on special occasions. All persons of faith, regardless of age, race, or church affiliation, are welcome to partake of the Table of the Lord. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please cup your hands to receive the sanitary communion wafer and juice sealed in small containers. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Call Pastor Ivan to receive homebound communion delivery.

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