

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

Jesus said, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.” John 15:26-27

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Announcements Brice Smith

***Greeting One Another in Jesus’ Name**

***Opening** “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” Worship Team

***Call to Worship**

Let God’s people be gathered from every tribe and every nation.
Let us wait for the outpouring of the Lord!

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us.

Fill this place with your heavenly fire!

Let our hearts be open to welcome the Holy Spirit.

Let us receive the blessed gift of God!

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us!

Enlighten us with your living tongues of flame!

Let our eyes be opened to the revelation of God.

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

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit upon us!

Help us to tell of your awesome power!

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Song #326 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” *MANLEY*
Hymn #492 “Spirit of the Living God” *IVERSON*

Opening Prayer The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

The First Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Second Reading Acts 2:1-21

Solo “Once and For All” Matthew Smith

Congregational Prayer 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings & Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Special Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Children’s Message (3rd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

***The Gospel** John 15:26-27,16:4b-15

Message “I Love My Church: A Place to Belong”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

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.

***Hymn # 463** “Revive Us Again” *MACKAY/HUSBAND*

***Spoken Benediction**

***Postlude** *Please stand if able

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN TODAY

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to redeem all people. The Bible outlines the way to become a follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you are a sinner (you have done wrong things). Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** - Believe that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross and rose from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Savior (Rescuer and Redeemer) and Lord (Ultimate Leader). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS** - Tell your family and friends about your new faith in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly announce your decision to be a Christian.

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.



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