PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 28, 2023

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PreludeJanice Hedberg-Boyce, Church OrganistWelcome and Greeting in Jesus' NameRev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter*Opening (Stand) #134"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*Call to Worship (Stand)

Holy Spirit of Truth, In ancient days you called into service Judges and priests, kings, and prophets,

And you filled them with a passion for righteousness;

You ordered life in the law of Moses;

And in Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father,

You embodied the Truth for all creation.

Come, Holy Spirit!

[†]Timothy Matthew Slemmons, "Lightening from the East: Liturgical Elements for Reformed Worship, Year A." ©2014. Cascade Books, Eugene, OR. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

*Opening Prayer (Stand)

Song of Faith #329"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"JUBILEEWE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD
Scripture Reader: Pat CarpenterThe First ReadingActs 2:1-21The Second Reading1 Corinthians 12:3b-13*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus ChristJohn 20:19-23*Responsorial (Stand)"Believe for It"Worship Team*Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)*

Children's Sermon (Kids 3rd Grade and Younger can walk to Children's Church)

Announcements, 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, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations - Worshippers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord.

Prayer of Dedication – O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all! When you give, we gather; when you open your hand, we are filled with good things. Send forth your Spirit, we pray, and use these gifts in your renewal of all things that the earth itself and all the nations, your church and all whom you call to die and be reborn, may bless you and praise you in the power of the one Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Prayer of Illumination & The Message "All Together in One Place" The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND 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.

*Closing Hymn (Stand) "Breathe on Me O Breath of God" Worship Team

***Spoken Benediction**

*Postlude

Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Organist



HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

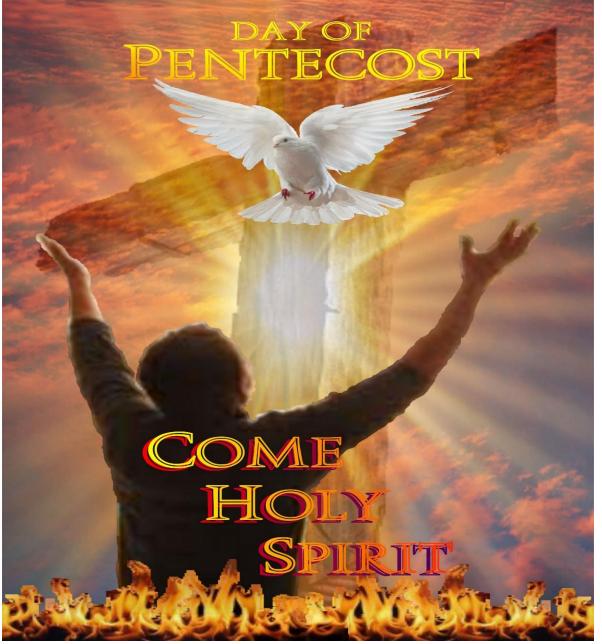
- <u>ADMIT</u> Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) which have hurt God and others. Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
- <u>BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM</u> FROM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