

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 20, 2018

11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Andante Sostenuto" Charles-Marie Widor
Alex Straus-Fausto, guest organist

INTROIT "Plink, Plank, Plunk" arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
Central Bells

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED

Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Stephen Ministry

Justice for Our Neighbors

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

**All: Holy Spirit, rain down upon this place
Let our souls drink your goodness
Let our hearts overflow
Holy Spirit, rain down on this place!
May we experience your presence this day.**

*HYMN

"O Spirit of the Living God"

No. 539

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN AND OUR GRADUATES

"Where Children Belong" (congregation sings)

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong. This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

HYMN

"Spirit of the Living God"

No. 393

UNISON PRAYER

**Spirit of God, you come as powerful wind,
But we have shut the door and bolted it.
You descend on us as tongues of fire,
But we run away, afraid of being consumed.
You give gifts beyond our ability, but we squander them,
We say, "not today" or "that's not for me."
Forgive our hesitancy.
Break down the doors of our fear.
Let the fire of your Spirit dance within each of us.
Give us courage and faith to claim your call on our lives.**

In Jesus name. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM "How Can I Keep from Singing" Taylor Davis
Clarinet: Anne Bara; Violin: Steven Leonard

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation, I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear its music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

While through the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? When tyrants tremble sick with fear, and hear their deathknell ringing, when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing? In prison cells and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging, when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2: 1-21 (NT p. 119)

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Spirit-filled Neighbors"

GIVING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK

Reception of New Members No. 33

Offertory Hymn "As a Fire is Meant for Burning" No. 2237

*Doxology No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" No. 2241

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Go Ye Now in Peace" Joyce Eilers

*POSTLUDE "Toccata" Maurice Duruflé
Alex Straus-Fausto, guest organist

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.