

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
PENTECOST SUNDAY
June 9, 2019 11:00 A.M.
Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in G major " J.S. Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GETTING ACQUAINTED
Please take a moment to fill out the Attendance Card as it is passed.

*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
One: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:
That it is not simply we who chose Christ,
All: but Christ who constantly chooses us and all people,
One: That we are not here because of our goodness
All: but because Christ sees us as invaluable just as we are.
One: That we have not come merely to be seen or entertained
All: but to worship the living God with our heart, soul and mind.

*HYMN OF PRAISE "I Come with Joy" No. 617

A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN
"There's a Spirit in the Air" (sung processional)
There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere: Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world. Lose your shyness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done. God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!
(sung recessional)
When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed, praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world. May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways: God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (adapted from Iona Community, Scotland)
One: We are not alone! We live in our Creator's world - our Creator who has created and is creating ... who moved among us as Jesus the Christ, and who works in us and through us as Spirit.
All: We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's Presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to embody the teachings and life of Jesus, and to infuse the world with peace.
One: We are not alone! In the waiting and uncertainty of life, where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over prisons fashioned by the human mind – even here, the Spirit moves among us.

ALL: We trust in God – who shares our humanity; who takes us beyond safe places into action; to take risks, to stand with those on the margins, and be used by the Spirit to build communities of hope.

One: O God, set your blessing on us in this time together. O Spirit, fill your people here to be salt & light for the world. Stir us up as we pray the prayer your son taught us, saying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (contemporary version)

**Our Father in heaven, help us to honor your name.
Come and set up your kingdom, so that everyone on earth
Will obey You, as You are obeyed in heaven.
Give us our food for today. Forgive us for doing wrong,
as we forgive others. Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil.
For to You belongs the kingdom and all power and glory. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM "Down by the Riverside" arr John Rutter

I'm going to lay down my heavy load, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

I'm going to lay down my heavy load, down by the riverside. I ain't going to study war no more. (repeat) I'm going to lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside. I'm going to lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside. I ain't going to study war no more. (repeat) I'm going to put on my travelin' shoes, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside. I'm going to put on my travelin' shoes, down by the riverside. I ain't going to study war no more. (repeat) I'm going to put on my long white robe, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside. I'm going to put on my long white robe, down by the riverside. I ain't going to study war no more. (repeat) I'm going to put on my starry crown, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside. I'm going to put on my starry crown, down by the riverside. I ain't going to study war no more. (repeat) Glory, glory, hallelujah!

HEARING OF THE GOSPEL Gospel of John 21: 9-19 (NT p. 115)

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

SERMON "Failure as an Under-rated Teacher"

BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (see insert)

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come forward as directed, where you will be given a piece of bread and which you may dip in the cup (gluten-free bread is also available). Please let an usher know if you cannot come forward so the elements can be brought to you. **During this time you are invited to bring your offering forward to the plates available on the chancel.** Those in the balcony may remain seated, servers will come to you. Our Stephen Ministers are positioned in the back of the sanctuary to offer a blessing prayer before or after you receive communion.*

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymn During Communion "One Bread, One Body" No. 620

*DOXOLOGY No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH “We Come to this Table” (see insert)

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Peter Lutkin

*POSTLUDE “Toccata” Charles-Marie Widor

*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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: God is with you.

All: God is also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift up our hearts.

One: God, You dreamed a wonderful dream – and into that dream You brought all things that exist: the rocks, the water, the air, the fire, plants of all shapes and sizes, animals that fly in the air, or move on or under the ground, or swish in the sea. You looked at it all and said –

All: This is good!

One: It was good. It is good. But, sometimes, people forgot that You created all things and all people, in love. Sometimes, even now, people forget that You created all things and all people, in love. Over and over, we did things that were unloving – of ourselves, of our neighbors, and of You.

You sent wise men and wise women to try and help us to slow down and listen to You. You sent prophets and judges, teachers and preachers, to try and call us back to your love. Sometimes we listened. Sometimes we ignored them. Sometimes we pushed them away. Sometimes we still do.

But, when the time was right, You decided to send someone else to your people – Jesus of Nazareth – born like us, growing up with us, teaching and preaching and, most of all, loving us with your love, undiluted. He tried to show us how to live your Kingdom – how to live your love. He came, inviting everyone – everyone – to eat together at your table of love! So today we pray for all who need your presence. We pray for all who need your liberating love. We pray, asking You to help us to be your hands in our neighborhood and world. So with all the angels and saints, we celebrate Christ’s presence with all Creation –

All: Holy, holy, holy are You, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

One: We ask that You might fill this bread, this cup, and all people, everywhere, with your Spirit. As we eat and drink, help us to remember the transformation Jesus brought to people's lives, and help us to remember the transformation Christ brings each and every day. May the bread we eat and the cup from which we drink help us to be one in mission with other disciples. And please help us to be one with all of Creation, now and always.

On the night before Jesus was taken to his death, he gathered with his friends and disciples. He took a loaf of bread, gave thanks to You, and then he broke it, saying – "This is my body, given for you. Each time you eat this bread, remember me." He took the cup, again gave thanks, and then gave it to his disciples, saying – "This is my promise, my covenant for now and forever – my life-blood. You are forgiven. All are forgiven! You are loved, All are loved! Each time you drink this, remember me."

All: So we eat. Se we drink. So we remember.

One: Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all power and glory are yours, now and forever, Holy God.
And the people said,

All: Amen.

We Come to This Table

(Sung to the tune: "We Gather Together")

*We've dined at your table as sisters and brothers,
Diverse in our backgrounds, yet nourished as one.
The bread and the cup that we've shared here with others
Are gifts uniting all who are claimed by your Son.*

*We grieve for your world here; we cry, "How much longer?"
We pray for the cycles of violence to cease.
Yet here, in Christ broken, we're fed and made stronger
To labor in his name for a world filled with peace.*

*We rise from this table with new dedication
To feed the world's children, to free the oppressed,
To comfort the suffering, to care for creation;
We pray, O God of peace, that our actions will bless.*

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