



May 19, 2024 ~ Day of Pentecost, The Lord's Supper; Teacher Appreciation

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- *please stand as you are able

*Have you **checked in** for worship today on the Church Center app? Please remember to also **sign** the Friendship pads in the pews and greet those seated near you.*

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

Way of the Week #5: Assume Positive Intent

- 5. ASSUME POSITIVE INTENT.** Decide to trust that other members are being fair, honest, and concerned for the well-being of our church. Set aside your own judgments and preconceived notions. Surrender the urge to criticize and judge – it doesn't help. Graciously give people the benefit of the doubt.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Communion Prayer

Mazzatenta

Bell Choir: Jim Cole, Kathy Gunsallus, Lissa Herman, Melissa McNab, Sawyer McNab, Marion Norcross, Peg Pierce, Vicki Terry; Joel Krott, Director

***Call to Worship**

Elder Sarah Rotter

God invites us to wake from our slumbers.

There is much to be done for God today.

God encourages us to proclaim God's goodness and love.

There are so many people who are lost and hurt, who need the good news of God.

God inspires us to be bold in our proclamation, unafraid, confident.

Lord God, be with us as we step boldly out to share your Good News. Amen.

***Prayer of Adoration**

Elder Rotter

*Hymn No. 293 (verses 1-6)

Spirit, Working in Creation

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Elder Rotter

Lord God, you know us too well. You know that we would be like the disciples following the crucifixion and even the resurrection. We would rather hide and mutter and weep, than proclaim the power of your love. The world is a difficult place. We fear so much. We want people to like us, and so we hold back on our proclamation of our faith. We don't want to offend anyone. But your love and presence are not offensive. They are empowering and healing. Bring your holy fire upon us this day to ignite a spark of joy in our hearts and our voices. Bring the power of your rushing wind through our spirits that we may be turned in new directions for service and witness. We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Time of silent and personal prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Elder Rotter

God's awesome love is offered to you, even when you fear or are unsure of your faith. Know that God is with you. Be not afraid.

Come, Holy Spirit of God! Burn light bright flames in our hearts. Emblazon us with the confident spirit of faith that our lives will show your love.

*Gloria Patri

Thank You to our Teachers and Leaders (see insert)

Rev. Allen

We honor our teachers and leaders today on Teacher Appreciation Sunday. Please see the bulletin insert for names of all the gifted individuals who have led education events for children, youth and adults this year.

Offertory

Rev. Allen



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Offertory Music

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Kyrie

Callahan

Sawyer McNab, Flute

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"The Failure to Communicate"

Scripture: Acts 2 : 1-8 (Pew Bible page 119 NT)

Sermon Series: Priorities of a Powerhouse People

Reader 1: From the very instant of creation, your Holy Spirit moved on the waters of creation, bringing to life the creative love that is God.

Reader 2: Even when the people were forgetful and stubborn, your Holy Spirit called to them to be unafraid, to follow. The Spirit led them through the desert to a land of sweet dwelling.

Reader 1: During all the times of fear and tumult, you sang the song of hope through the prophets, who called people back to you with tender forgiveness.

Reader 2: On a dark winter night you sang your sweetest song and birthed a Savior who came to bring us life and witness to your love and power.

Reader 1: At the lakeshore you called to the simple people, the fishermen, to come and follow you. They witnessed your miracles of healing and forgiving love.

Reader 2: When the night seemed to be the darkest, even though it was mid-day - you gave your Son to be a witness to your love. From his cross He forgave those who crucified Him and reminded a thief that paradise would be his home.

Reader 1: On the early morning, the women were startled with the news of His resurrection. Could it be that all he had said was true?

Reader 2: The disciples hid in fear of what others might say, think or do. They were astonished at his presence to them.

God's People: Spirit of God, Spirit of Gentleness, help us to dream dreams and see visions of all that is possible for the healing and hope for this world. Help us cross lines which divide and unite to proclaim boldly that you are the Spirit of Life. Emblazon our spirits. Make bold our voices. Give joy to our hearts, for we have been called to be witnesses, even to the ends of the world.

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn No. 290 (verses 1, 4)**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

The Lord's Supper and Home Communion

Rev. Spencer, Elders

The Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

By your loving power, you raised Jesus from death to life. Through his victory over the grave, we are set free from the bonds of sin and the fear of death. Now we share the incredible freedom that is ours as God's children. In his rising to life you promise eternal life to all who believe in him. We praise you that as we break bread in faith, we shall know the risen Christ among us. Together, we declare your praise saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn No. 290 (verse 5)**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Music in Preparation for Service

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

Kathy Gunsallus, Organ

Larson

Benediction and Going Forth

Rev. Stuart Spencer

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Worship flowers are given to the glory of God and to honor David Payne by Gayle, Jessica and Rocky.
“Parce que Je vivre, vous vivrez aussi.” - John 14:19

9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Beadle: Elder Sarah Rotter; **Communion Elders:** Sarah Rotter, Gayle Payne, Jim Wiggans, Becky Castellanos, Lorenzo Eagles, Cheryl Gaskill; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** Jack Terry, Joe Scheideler, Owen Dietz; **Flower Arrangers:** Fran Green and Debbie Heller; **3rd Sunday Deacon Flower Arranger:** JoAnn Reynik; **3rd Sunday Deacon Flower Deliverers:** Diane Samuel and Mike McNeil; **Trustee Greeter:** Joe Molloy; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Marsha Booker; **Deacon Greeter:** Deacon Kourtney de la Cruz; **Coffee Hospitality:** Donna Leatherman, Sherrell Fitts and Debbie Rebuck; **Bagel Pick-Up:** Amy Mace; **Nursery Care:** Chelsea Margerum.

See back of Teachers Appreciation Insert for announcements