

**Pentecost Sunday
Holy Communion
Sunday, May 31, 2020**
**Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude “
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**Evoking the Mystery*

Lighting of the Candles and Presentation of the Communion

**Remembering Our Baptism: Make the sign of the cross*

**Prayer of Preparation*

One: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Call to Confession*

One: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**Prayer of Confession*

One: Gracious God, have mercy on us.

Many: We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Silence for reflection of one's own individual time of confession.

**Assurance of Pardon*

One: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

**Opening Hymn “Spirit of the Living God”. 389*

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold, fill me,
Use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Soul of heaven, Heart of God, wash over me.
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me,

Reach me. Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.

**Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear. Holy presence,
Love divine, cast out my fear. Shield me, free me, call me,
Lead me. Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.**

TEXT: Daniel Iverson, Stanza 1; Lowell Alexander, Stanza 2,3

MUSIC: Daniel Iverson

IVERSON

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**The Apostolic Greeting*

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Prayer of the Day*

The Many: O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD

See the ‘Celebrate’ Insert for all the readings.

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ’s resurrection.

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages

we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Spoken Refrain

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴How manifold are your | works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷**All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season. R**

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the Lord en- | dure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in | all your works. R**
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.
³³**I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**
³⁴May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the Lord.
^{35b}**Bless the Lord, | O my soul.**

Hal- | lelujah! R
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

****Gospel Reading*** **John 20:19-23**

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19-23

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gospel Response* 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'

Halle halle, hal-le-lu-jah!

Halle, halle, hal-le-lu-jah!

Halle, halle, hal-le-lu-jah!

Hallehuhjah! Hal- le-lu- jah!

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Sermon Rev. Curtis H. E. Zemencik, Pastor

**Hymn of the Day "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" 393*

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a new,
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity.**

TEXT: Edwin Hatch

MUSIC: Robert Jackson

TRENTAN

S.M.

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Our Response

Affirmation of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith

The Nicene Creed

The Many: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer Concern

BOB STRAUB, ROBERT RONNGREN, CAROL RONNGREN, ERIN ROTHERMEL, JUDY KESSLER SMITH, TOM SMITH, BENNETT BINGAMAN, TONY GILLIGAN, CINDY PAUL, SANDY PAUL, JOHN SHAFFER, PAUL FEGER, SHARON COMES, RICH & JOAN BITTING, MADELYN MAURER, DAVE AND DEB CLOUSER, COVID-19 VICTIMS, FRONT-LINE WORKERS IN THIS PANDEMIC,

Meditative Music Hummed Softly

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior,
He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior.

He is worthy, He is worthy, He is worthy, He is worthy,
He is worthy, He is worthy, He is worthy, He is worthy.

I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him.
I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him.

TEXT:

MUSIC:

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ALLELUIA

L.M.

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Prayers of the People and Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe due to air pollution. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of friendship. As Elizabeth welcomed Mary to her home, give us a spirit of welcome to those whom we meet in this congregation and outside these doors. Surprise us daily with unexpected grace, that we rejoice in every blessing you send. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE MEAL *Offertory Service*

Call to offering

One: The church is not a private club that we maintain for our own benefit. It is a mission outpost, constantly enlisting us and our resources for the spreading of good news and the increase of God's reign of love. Our offerings are one measure of how seriously we take our call as ambassadors for Christ. Let us reflect the many ways we can offer ourselves to your church community and sisters and brothers throughout the world. Those of us gathered here this morning will have the opportunity to place your monetary offering into the collection containers as you depart our gathering those of us who are worshiping virtually can present your monetary offerings by mailing them to the church addresses as posted with our bulletin this morning.

Musical Offertory “

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**Prayer of Dedication of Offering*

Many: Generous and loving God, we dedicate to your service the work of our hands, the earnings of our time and efforts, and our vision for the future. May faith sustain us as we offer our best to you in praise and thanksgiving and joyous dedication. We seek to work for the reign of your truth and extension of the friendship granted to us in Jesus Christ. Let our offering bear fruit in the lives of all who are helped by it. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Seraphic Hymn”

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are Full, are full of the majesty of Thy Glory, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

One: God our weary years. God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, by guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your won desire. In the fullness of time,

you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Mystery of Faith

Many: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say. Amen. **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever Amen

The Lord's Prayer

One: *Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, Let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

Many: **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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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 and ever. Amen.**

The Communion

One: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The Post Communion Prayer

Many: **God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your**

Holy Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Sending

**Commission & Benediction*

Our worship is ended, but now our service begins! Go from this place for you are the body of Christ and the whole world awaits you; So, live passionately, love faithfully, and celebrate every moment of your life from now until the finale! Our God of resurrecting grace goes with you. May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

**Threefold Amen*

**Parting Hymn "Holy Spirit, Light Divine" 392*

**Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine.
Chase the shades of night away; Turn my darkness into day.**

**Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine.
Long hath sin without control Held dominion o'er my soul.**

**Holy Spirit, Joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine.
Bid my many woes depart; Heal my wounded, bleeding heart.**

**Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine.
Cast down every idol throne; Reign supreme, and reign alone.**

TEXT: Andrew Reed

MUSIC: Louis M Gottschalk, arranged by Edwin P. Parker

MERCY

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**Postlude*

Keeping You Posted

Welcome everyone to our morning worship service here at Drive-In Worship and also the virtual worship on the FaceBook Live Feed. Please type in a comment to let us know you are with us this morning.

Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday Celebration. We will Celebrate Word and Sacrament. For those worshipping at home please have prepared for yourself bread and a juice from the vine. The folks gathering here will receive communion on the go

prepackaged communion kits. Blessed communion packs will be delivered to homebound folks following worship this morning.

Everyone should have received communication by email or postal service, concerning the reopening of in-person worship. Please, read and respond, to the questions that are needed to be answered in order to help in getting back to “as normal” as possible with church worship, projects, events, studies.

Our Parish really wants to and needs to keep in contact with you!!! Sometimes, especially during emergency situations, as we have been experiencing, need to get you information quickly, such as a NEWS UPDATE or worship Cancellation. There are many of us who have cellular phones and EMAIL accounts but have been reluctant to share it with the church secretary for a group email situation. Please, we contract with you, not to use your email for other things except for church affairs. We will make sure that your address will be kept hidden and not shared but undisclosed. Thank you, Pastor Curtis.

Graduation Recognition Sunday

If you are a 2020 Graduate we are seeking your place of education and your future plans. Family members, names. We will recognize your accomplishments on Sunday, June 14. Please give your bio information to Pastor Curtis by email or text or messenger by Thursday June 11.

Our individual churches and also the parish continue to have financial obligations to fulfill, so even though you may not be gathering at person to person worship, we still need to continue to give our tithes and offerings for the financial needs of our local congregation and the many ministries and outreaches we participate. Please mail your church donations to:

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Please join us in common mission, vision, and purpose by taking up the Strengthen the Church offering on May 31, 2020

We are amid a crisis that is demanding that we remain physically distant at a time when so many need the love and hope of a strong church to walk with them through an extraordinary global emergency. As many of us now present our ministry online, we pray that our love is being felt across technology, reaching those who need us most. Being church in new ways has demanded much of us as we have faced this challenging time together.

The Strengthen the Church offering ensures, together, we grow stronger

Strengthen the Church funds ministry that allows us to benefit from best practices, insights, and innovations across the life of the UCC. Because of your support, new churches emerge, congregations are revitalized, and leadership skills are enhanced. Many new and revitalized churches are leading the way now as we adapt to new technology in all our congregations.

Please continue to help the United Church of Christ expand its light by taking up the Strengthen the Church offering on May 31, 2020