

PENTECOST / COMMUNION SUNDAY

Rev. Kevin M. Pleas
Facebook Live Stream Worship
May 31, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With power from above to make our weakness strong,

People: Come, Holy Spirit. Give us courage to be your faithful people in this place.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Creator God, because you make all that draws forth our praise and the forms in which to express it, we praise you. Because you fill us with your Holy Spirit and make artists of us all, awakening courage to look again at what is taken for granted, grace to share these insights with others, vision to reveal the future already in being, we praise you. Because you form your Word among us, and in your great work embrace all human experience, even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song, we praise you. Yours is the glory. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

First Corinthians 14:1-2, 6, 12, 18 -19

Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. For those who speak in a tongue do not speak to other people but to God; for nobody understands them, since they are speaking mysteries in the Spirit.

Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I speak to you in some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching?

So, with yourselves; since you are eager for spiritual gifts, strive to excel in them for building up the church.

I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you; nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind, in order to instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: Five Words with My Mind

PASTORAL PRAYER

TIME OF SILENCE

OUR 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to join in the sacrament using your own version of the bread and the wine.

INVITATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we forget who we are. We don't listen for a still small voice. We walk with our heads down and miss all the stars that could be ours. But we know that you are a God of Hope who does not forget your covenant with us, a Shepherd God who looks for lost sheep, a faithful God who keeps calling us in spite of our deafness, a God who enters our history, opens our eyes and heals our blindness. O God forgive us, accept us as your stewards and send us out to serve in your love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

CLOSING WORDS

BENEDICTION (Unison)

**May the Spirit of truth lead us into all truth,
Giving us grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
And to proclaim the wonderful works of God;
And the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Be among us and remain with us always.
Amen.**

Please note: In these difficult times, we are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. For those who are able, we are grateful for your continuing contributions to the stewardship of our church.