



A Service for the Worship of God

Pentecost

May 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR AT-HOME WORSHIP

Please set out a candle that you can light as we light the Christ Candle during worship.

Cut out the flame you will find on the last page for use in the service.

Gathering

Prelude

Jim Pera

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sharon Boyko

***Call to Worship**

One: God's Spirit has been poured out upon us.

All: The Spirit rests upon us like flames of fire,

One: that we may be light in the world's darkness

All: and warmth in the world's coldness.

One: The Spirit blows through us like a mighty wind,

All: refreshing us in love, renewing us in strength, and leading us to serve.

One: The gift of the Spirit has been given to us.

All: Let us worship God in joy!

***Opening Acclamation**

Sharon Boyko

One: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

All: Come into our hearts today!

Prayer of Adoration and Praise (In Unison)

God of Pentecost, we are grateful that your Spirit moved among the first disciples; among all the faithful who have followed you through the years; and among us, as we feel the stirrings of faith and respond in love for you and for our neighbors. We are amazed that you would choose to work through us to proclaim your Gospel. May the winds of holy passion blow through this church and in our hearts, inspiring us to dream new dreams and see new visions. We thank you that your love and forgiveness abound. Your Spirit is still in motion! Grant us the courage to follow where you choose to lead us. Amen.

Response to Prayer

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Hymn # 66, sing refrain twice

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hearing God’s Word

Scripture Reading

Psalm 104

selected verses (Refrain by David Haas)

*The soloist will sing the refrain, and then we can sing it a second time with him.
Verses will be read together, followed by everyone singing the refrain where indicated.*

Lord, send out your Spir - it, and re -
new the face of the earth; Lord, send out your
Spir - it, and re - new the face of the earth.

How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made all of life.
The earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious,
teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small.

Refrain

All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.
When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

Refrain

I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
May my thoughts and my deeds be pleasing to God. I find my joy in the Lord!

Refrain

Children's Time

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-42

Some sections will be abbreviated.

*Sharon Boyko as Peter, Nancy Birdsong as the Narrator,
Julia and Nate Ziepfel as the Bystanders,
Ria Villaver Collins and Jon Caspian as "The Wind."
Congregation Members as Apostles*

Anthem

"Wind Song"
Vocal Ensemble

arr. Helen Kemp

Sermon

"The Spirit of Pentecost"

ev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

***At the end of the sermon, the soloist will sing "Spirit of the Living God" once.
Then, you are invited to join him in singing it again.***

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

***Profession of Faith**

Adapted from A Brief Confession of Faith

(Unison) Steve Davis

In life and death, we belong to God. We trust in one God, the Holy One, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the powers of sin and evil, delivering us from death to eternal life.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, and sets us free to accept ourselves, and to love God and neighbor. In gratitude to God we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come Lord Jesus!

Responding to God's Word

***Hymn # 286**

"Breathe on Me Breath of God"

omit verse 4

Presentation of Offerings

Steve Davis

*If you would like to give online, please go to www.sminster.com/give
where you can give once or set-up a reoccurring monthly offering to the church.*

Presentation Hymn # 582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

verse 1 only

Sing Twice

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be Amen.**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Steve Davis

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.

***Hymn # 289**

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Nancy Birdsong

***Postlude**

Jim Pera

**Where you see an asterisk, please rise in body or spirit.*



*The flowers were given to the glory of God by Marj Lawson
in honor and joyous celebration
of her husband George's 80th birthday on May 25.*

If you cut out the flame, you can use it with the rest of the congregation during the dramatized Scripture reading.

