

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 31, 2020

Day of Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(for silent prayer during the prelude)

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel; empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.ⁱ Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIPⁱⁱ

One: Enter into God's presence on this Pentecost Sunday and prepare for surprises!

Many: **Like a rush of mighty wind, Spirit fills the room**

One: Fills us with vision and possibility.

Many: **Fills us with hope and encouragement**

One: God is at work in this place

Many: **In us and through us and around us, to be the church for this time and space.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" #126

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, With all Thy quickening powers; Kindle a flame of sacred love In these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs, In vain we strive to rise; Hosannas languish on our tongues, And our devotion dies. Dear Lord, and shall we ever live At this poor dying rate? Our love so faint, so cold to Thee, And Thine to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, With all Thy quickening powers; Come, shed abroad a Savior's love, And that shall

kindle ours.

*CALL TO CONFESSIONⁱⁱⁱ

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another. Let us pray.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)^{iv}

Holy and Loving God, this Pentecost Sunday, we hear the promise of Christ again to us and to the Church: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses..." Today, we confess Your greatness, Your love for us and your Church, shown and gifted into the world in our Lord Jesus Christ. It is because of your great love that we may humbly and safely confess one of our main sins: that, while we do try to live faithfully, we often forget to ask for and live into the power and wisdom and love pouring forth from the Holy Spirit, which you have readily made available to us and all your people. Forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us from sin by Your Almighty Grace. And fill us with the Holy Spirit. Give us fresh resolve to start again, trusting that the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit to come forth in our lives. For it is in Christ's Name that we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON^v

On that first Day of Pentecost 2,000 years ago, the Apostle Peter stood before the crowds in Jerusalem to preach. He quoted the prophet Joel saying, "And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!" As forgiven people, beloved and cleansed, let us live out the Christ-life in faith, hope, and love.

OFFERING OUR PEACE (*Say:* "The Peace of Christ be with you;" *Respond:* "And also with you.")

ANTHEM: "I Ask the Lord" Susan Emrick

. . . to Proclaim God's Word

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21 p. 119

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 p. 174

*GOSPEL READING John 20:19-23 p. 114

SERMON "Expect the Unexpected" Rev. Andy Smothers

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism* (Question 53)

One: What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

Many: **First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.**

. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*in unison*)

Faithful God, we gather before you with thanks and in response to your promises over the ages. Thank you for sending your promised Spirit to the church to guide the church and to guide, correct, and sustain each of us. Continue to use your Spirit to make the church into the body of Christ that you intend. Use these gifts we offer in talent and in finances for your purposes in the church and in the world. In the name of the one who promised that Spirit, our Lord Jesus, the Messiah. Amen.

. . . and to Be Sent in God's Name.

CLOSING HYMN: "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" #316

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew, 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.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ⁱ *Book of Common Worship*, 339.

ⁱⁱ *An Order of Worship: Pentecost 2020*. Churches of the Montana Association of Christians.

ⁱⁱⁱ *Book of Common Worship*, 52.

^{iv} *An Order of Worship: Pentecost 2020*. Churches of the Montana Association of Christians.

^v *Ibid.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship this morning! It is very good to have some of you back physically in the sanctuary and to continue to have some of you join electronically. As we continue to social distance, we will not be offering child care or coffee hour for a time. Feel free to keep your children in worship — even if they're a bit noisy. You're also welcome to take them into the coatroom. We're reserving the cry room for now in case we would need to quarantine someone during worship.

Our thanks go to our lay reader & soloist Susan Emrick, and pianist Juanita Rodriguez.

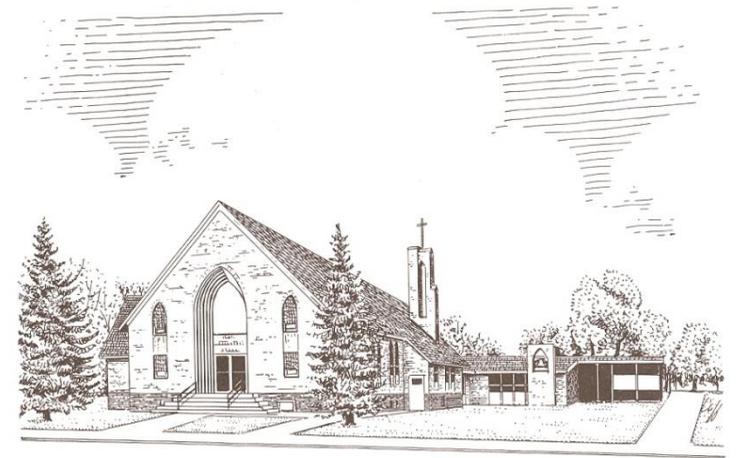
Sunday morning worship will be held at **10:00 AM starting Sunday, June 7th**, and through the rest of the summer.

Summer Office Hours, starting June 1st, will be Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

If you have any articles to contribute to the **June Newsletter**, please turn them into the office right away.

Last week, combined giving was **\$2,034.75**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$2,588.00** per week.

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