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THE FEAST OF PENTECOST + MAY 28, 2023

Chimes and Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Alleluia! Kristos Voskres! (Christ is risen!)
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

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Confessing our Brokenness and Opening Prayer

Hear these words from the Gospel according to John. When 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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

When in this past week have we found it difficult to forgive?
When have we found it difficult to accept forgiveness?

Silence

Perplexing, Pentecostal God, you infuse us with your Spirit, urging us to vision and dream. May the gift of your presence find voice in our lives, that our babbling may be transformed into discernment and the flickering of many tongues light an unquenchable fire of compassion and justice. Amen.

Song of Praise

Glory Be to God Creator

Richard K Carlson

Glo-ry be to God, Cre - a - tor, glo-ry be to God, the Son, glo-ry
was in the be - gin - ning, it is now and so shall be in a

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be to God, the Spi - rit, known as Three, yet God the One. As it
world with-out an end - ing, glo-ry through e - ter - ni - ty.

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Christian Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to 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. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For 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. For 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.

Spiritual Song

Spirit

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Christian Scripture

Acts 2:1-12

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a]as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?"

оли ж почався день П'ятдесятниці, всі вони однодушно знаходилися вкупі. І нагло зчинився шум із неба, ніби буря раптова зірвалася, і переповнила ввесь той дім, де сиділи вони. І з'явилися їм язики поділені, немов би огненні, та й на кожному з них по одному осів. Усі ж вони сповнились Духом Святим, і почали говорити іншими мовами, як їм Дух промовляти давав. Перебували ж в Єрусалимі юдеї, люди побожні, від усякого народу під небом. А коли оцей гомін зчинився, зібралася безліч народу, та й диву далися, бо кожен із них тут почув, що вони розмовляли їхньою власною мовою!... Усі ж побентежилися та дивувалися, та й казали один до одного: Хіба ж не галілеяни всі ці, що говорять? Як же кожен із нас чує свою власну мову, що ми в ній народились?

Cuando llegó la fiesta de Pentecostés, todos los creyentes se encontraban reunidos en un mismo lugar. De repente, un gran ruido que venía del cielo, como de un viento fuerte, resonó en toda la casa donde ellos estaban. Y se les aparecieron lenguas como de fuego que se repartieron, y sobre cada uno de ellos se asentó una. Y todos quedaron llenos del Espíritu Santo, y comenzaron a hablar en otras lenguas, según el Espíritu hacía que hablaran. Vivían en Jerusalén judíos cumplidores de sus deberes religiosos, que habían venido de todas partes del mundo. La gente se reunió al oír aquel ruido, y no sabía qué pensar, porque cada uno oía a los creyentes hablar en su propia lengua. Eran tales su sorpresa y su asombro, que decían: ¿Acaso no son galileos todos estos que están hablando? ¿Cómo es que los oímos hablar en nuestras propias lenguas?

Reflection

Call to Prayer

Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

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9 Lord, li-sten to your chi - ldren pray - ing. Lord, send your Spi-rit in this place.

Lord, lis-ten to your chi - ldren pray - ing. Sendus love, sendus power, sendus grace.

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

Please pray the Prayer of Jesus in whatever language is most comfortable for you.

The following are offered as examples...

For a Spirit of love: that we may fulfill Christ's command to love one another by placing our time, energy, and gifts at the service of others and helping them to carry their daily burdens

For a Spirit of truth: that we may open our minds and hearts to all the ways that truth is manifest, particularly in the scriptures, tradition, the wisdom of those who have gone before us, and in the humanities and the sciences

For a Spirit of hope: that all who are overwhelmed by life may find new reasons to live this day and be gifted with a vision of all that could be tomorrow

For a Spirit of justice: that the needy, exploited, abused, and victims of war may know freedom, relief from oppression, and their dignity as daughters and sons of God

For the Spirit of healing: that God will touch all who are ill, strengthen their minds, bodies, and spirits, and restore them to wholeness

For a Spirit of reverence: that all hearts may recognize God as creator and work to protect and preserve God's gift of creation, our common home and

For a Spirit of wisdom for all government and business leaders: that they may develop policies that promote the common good and inclusion of all in society that God will help us bridge the gulf that divides nations, races, genders, and economic groups and restore our ability to work together against poverty, disease, famine, and injustice

For a Spirit of Peace: that God will dissolve the hatred in human hearts, protect the human family from nuclear weapons, and establish a season of peace throughout the world

**Our Father/Mother/Creator,
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/sins/trespasses,
as we forgive our debtors/those who sin/trespass 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. Amen.**

Musical Offering

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or given online at www.myfcc.info*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea - tures here be low; Praise
5 God for all that love has done: Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi - rit, One. A - men!

Prayer of Dedication

Holy Spirit keep us attuned to the voices around us, to those who need us to be bearers of your love and compassion; may these gifts we have given help us, through your church, meet those needs. Amen.

Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians

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Benediction

Alleluia! Cristo ha resucitado! (Christ is risen!)

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

¡La paz de Cristo está siempre con ustedes!

(The peace of Christ is with you always!)

And also with you!

The Week Ahead...

Sunday, May 28	10:15am Worship and Worship Circle
Monday, May 29	10am First Church leads Worship at St Joseph Living Center 7-9pm Take Note in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, May 31	1pm Book Group in Fellowship Hall
Thursday, June 1	9:30am Sewing and Service in Fellowship Hall 12:15pm Contemplative Communion

Sunday, June 4

10:15am Worship and Worship Circle