

Pentecost

June 5, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.



*At the ringing of the chimes, please silence your cell phones
and conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for
an encounter with the Living God.*

Bolded text is read or sung by all.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

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Voluntary

Praise for the Morning

Adult Bell Choir
Arr. Michael Akers

*Call to Worship

How manifold are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

And so you renew the face of the earth.

We will sing to the Lord as long as we live;

We will praise our God while we have life!

*Hymn #128

On Pentecost They Gathered

Call to Confession

Rosemary Wright

Prayer of Confession

Precious Lord, you call us to your everlasting springs to be drenched and reformed, but we fail to heed you. We do not turn with love to our neighbors, to ourselves, or to you.

Forgive us for our failings, shield us from our due, and guide us into unity with all for the sake of the whole world. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response #323

Loving Spirit

Loving Spirit, Holy Spirit, You have chosen me to be;

You have drawn me to Your wonder, You have set Your sign on me.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Response #579

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen, Amen.

*Passing the Peace

We invite you now to greet one another saying,
The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Time for Church Life and the Invitation to Offer Our Gifts to the Lord

Special music

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

African-American Spiritual
Stacy Franzmann Soloist

*Response 592 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow *Doxology*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all
creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Time with Young Disciples

*Following the Time With Young Disciples, children are invited to stay with their
families or visit with our childcare staff in the nursery.*

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God, whose voice is heard in the thunder and in the
silence, speak to us now, by the power of your Spirit, that we
may hear your word for us today. In Jesus' name we ask it.
Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 11: 1-9

1 Now the whole earth had one language and the same words.

2 And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land
of Shinar and settled there.

3 And they said to one another, **“Come, let us make bricks, and burn
them thoroughly.”** And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for
mortar.

4 Then they said, **“Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.”**

5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of humanity had built.

6 And the Lord said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.

7 Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.”

8 So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

9 Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth. And from there the Lord dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Hymn #324

Open My Eyes That I May See

The Second Lesson

John 14: 25 - 27

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, the Spirit will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Reverend David Aber

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of humanity's mind. Human thought ascribes to God's superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of the Lord's dealings with humanity. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

Prayers of the People - The 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.

*Hymn #132

Come, Great God of All the Ages

*Charge and Benediction

Voluntary

Improvisation On *Veni Creator Spiritus*
Alfred Fedak (*b. 1953*)

Serving as liturgist today is Rosemary Wright.

Announcements

Volunteer Recognition in June, we are celebrating our care and service for others in our community: Deacons, Bereavement Team, Wedding Coordinator, Memorial Garden Committee members, Friendly Visitors, Greeting Card Ministry, Sewing Circle, Prayer and Baptismal Quilt Ministries and Prayer List participants, those who visit the homebound and those in hospitals, those who plan, organize, cook for and clean up after church fellowship events, and the Men's Fellowship.

The Flowers in the Chancel are given by Polly Fisher and family in loving memory of Tom Fisher for his birthday.

Birthday Cake Today is given by Dave and Karen Grau.

Welcome New Staff Members Dr. Abigail Haake, our new Music Director and Organist, began her work with us on June 2. She plays at both services today. Meaghan Diaz, temporary staff accountant, also started on June 2.

Undie Sunday is today with the First Sunday Food Collection and on June 12.

The Next Beyond Suffering Class on Disability Ministry will be on Monday, June 13 at 3:00 p.m. Contact Claudine if you need the Zoom link.

Items needed for VBS Do you still have empty small plastic film canisters with snap on lids (35mm film)? Please put them in labeled basket in WHH. Thank you!

Calendar of Church Building Events
For June 5 - 12 , 2022

Sunday, 6/5 Pentecost

- 8:30 am Summer Worship Service on the Johnstone Patio
- 10:00 am Nursery Opens
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
First Sunday Food Collection & Undie Sunday Collection
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship and Birthday Cake in WHH

Thursday, 6/9

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting in the Library

Saturday, 6/11

- 9:00 am Celtic Gardeners in Celtic Garden

Sunday, 6/12

- 8:30 am Summer Worship Service on the Johnstone Patio
Holy Communion - Undie Sunday Collection
- 10:00 am Nursery Opens
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
Holy Communion
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship in WHH



Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
- You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
- We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.

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