



JULY 25, 2021

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AND PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (UMH# 334)*

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we
have been revived when we shall leave this place.**

OPENING PRAYER

God of all people, we come this day as many people with many voices and passions and viewpoints. We are many and unique, yet we are all united in you. Through your word spoken today, renew in us the gift of your Spirit that we are one in the body of Christ, through the one baptism and the one holy table where we feast together. Transform the words we have heard so many times before and make them fresh for us today, that we may be reminded again of your abundant love and grace. Amen.

HYMN *"Gift of Love" (UMH #408)*

**Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

CALL TO PRAYER *"Jesus, Name Above All Names" (TFWS #2071)*

**Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

MORNING PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who 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.

THANKSGIVING for OFFERING, TITHES, AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Give Me Jesus"

Mark Hayes

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:14-21 (CEB)

This is why I kneel before the Father. ¹⁵ Every ethnic group in heaven or on earth is recognized by him. ¹⁶ I ask that he will strengthen you in your inner selves from the riches of his glory through the Spirit. ¹⁷ I ask that Christ will live in your hearts through faith. As a result of having strong roots in love, ¹⁸ I ask that you'll have the power to grasp love's width and length, height and depth, together with all believers. ¹⁹ I ask that you'll know the love of Christ that is beyond knowledge so that you will be filled entirely with the fullness of God. ²⁰ Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us; ²¹ glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus for all generations, forever and always. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

"Paul's Prayer for Us"

David Lord

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (TFWS #2171)

**Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

**Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

"Shalom to You" (UMH #666)

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**