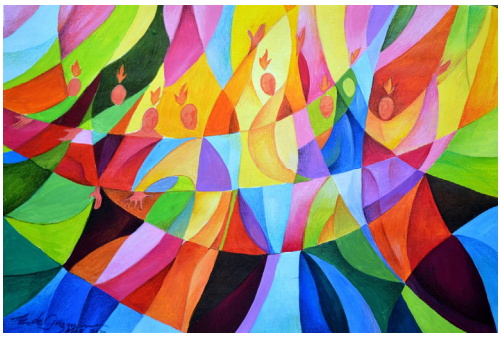

PENTECOST
MAY 19, 2024
11:00 AM

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *Menuet from Cello Suite No. 1* J. S. Bach
(Isaac Mingus, cello)

CALL TO WORSHIP George Chorba

Come! Let us speak plainly and boldly of our faith.
The Spirit of God descends upon us,
and Christ's promise to us is fulfilled.
The expression of the Spirit's power
in our community is a wonder to behold.
We each have a different voice,
yet we witness God's joy together.

***HYMN 290** *O Day of Joy and Wonder* JOHNATHAN'S TUNE

O day of joy and wonder!
Christ's promise now fulfilled:
the coming of the Spirit
that holy love has willed.
Our Lord in human body
to mortal eye is lost,
yet comes in flame upon us
at blessed Pentecost.

The world, in sheer amazement,
the truth must now declare:
that those who once were cowards
are brave beyond compare;
and tongues, which could not utter
their faith in Jesus' name,
defy all persecution
God's glory to proclaim!

We too may know your power;
your courage makes us strong.
Your love, your joy, your patience
can all to us belong.
Come now and dwell within us,
O Comforter divine.
Come to our hearts, and keep them;
there let your brightness shine.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, as your Spirit filled the church
on the first Pentecost day,
you are doing a new thing,
actively moving in the world.
Forgive us when we act as if your
stories have all been written.
Fill this house of worship with your presence
and fill us with your passion.
Illumine us with your fire.
Purify us with your love.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY 300** (v. 1) *We Are One in the Spirit*
THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Spirit, Open My Heart* arr. Alfred Fedak
(Chancel Choir with Isaac Mingus, bass; Greg Stead, recorder)

Refrain:
Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. (Refrain)

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. (Refrain)

May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. (Refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:1-21

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Speaking Our Language* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER George Chorba

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *The Gift of Love*
(Issac Mingus, cello; Greg Stead, recorder)

***DOXOLOGY 608** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from The Confession of 1967

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** George Chorba

God the Holy Spirit
fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life.
The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church
as the community in which people are reconciled
to God and to one another.
The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness
as they forgive one another
and to enjoy the peace of God
as they make peace among themselves.
In spite of their sin,
the Spirit gives people power
to become representatives of Jesus Christ
and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 539** *We Will Go Out with Joy* WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.

Refrain:
Alleluia! We will go out with joy.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,
sing a new song of joy.
Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,
sing a new song of joy. (Refrain)

Leader: We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
we will go out with God. (Refrain)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE Improvisation on *We Are One in the Spirit* Steven Phillips

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

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