

## **Pentecost**

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

John 7: 37 - 39 | "Lead Us Spirit"

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **RINGING OF BELL**

### **PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place.

**Many: Today, followers of the Way gather in many places,**

One: From Jerusalem to Galilee, from Pago Pago to Apia. **Many: From Rome to Arabia, from Las Vegas to Cleveland.**

One: God's Spirit still blows like a mighty wind

**Many: Breathing new life into the sails of our ships.**

One: God's Spirit still burns like tongues of flame

**Many: Dancing over the heads of our brave ones.**

One: God's Spirit still flows like currents of living water

**Many: Connecting hearts and islands of all believers.**

One: Praise God!

**Many: Praise God! Let us worship God, from whom all life's blessings flow!**

### **HYMN-NCH #293 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"**

### **INVOCATION**

Lord God, through Christ you have given us peace that the world cannot give. Let your Spirit of truth abide with us so that we may live in hope, grow in faith, and keep your commandments of love; in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

### **PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

**All: Dear God, God of oceans and land and all life contained therein. You created this world by the power of your word. By your own hands and breath. You gave us islands and continents as a gift and charged us to be the stewards of what you have made.**

**Amen.**

### **WORDS OF GRACE**

God's love does not belong to one person or group of people. God's love and forgiveness is available to all, even those who do not ask for it. You can also be agents of God's love and healing, so let us strive to receive and give this gift of God's restoration with Creation and with each other. Be God's love and healing descend on all people of this planet.

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/ LORD'S PRAYER**

**Dear Heavenly Father,**

**Be with those who are suffering, who are alone, who are disheartened, and sick on our list, and others in our community not listed needing your presence in their lives, we pray that you can:**

**Show us the suffering of the most miserable,**

**so, we will know our neighbor's plight.**

**Free us to pray for others who need your healing hand,**

**For your healing hand is present in every person.**

**Help us to take responsibility for our own lives,**

**So, we can be free to understand our neighbors' plights.**

**Grant us courage to serve others,**

**for in service there is true life.**

**Father, Bring forth song and celebration,**

**So that the Spirit will be alive among us.**

**Amen**

**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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

**SCRIPTURE** -John 7: 37-39 (Pew Bible NT Pg. 94)

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.' " Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**MESSAGE WITH CHILDREN**

**SERMON -**

## CALL TO OFFERING

At the birth of the Church, all who believed were together and had all things in common: they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. The work of the Holy Spirit, flows like living water from the hearts of believers. Shall our confidence in the mission of our congregation and the wider church also overflow freely with the generosity of the faithful? May each of our families give without measure so that the larger family of faith may be a vessel of Good News to the world!

## OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY

### DOXOLOGY

Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done, Creator, Christ and Spirit One.

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**All: Heavenly God, even as the first believers did in the early church, we lay our gifts at the feet of the apostles. May these gifts support the ministry of our congregation as well as strengthen the wider United Church of Christ and ecclesial partner. Give our leaders gifts of discernment for the wisest possible use of these resources which we dedicate to you today. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you! Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN - SB #70 "We are One in the Spirit"**

## **BENEDICTION**

Dear Sisters and Brothers, God's Holy Spirit goes with you, blows with you, and flows with you. So let us be as Living Water, flowing from within this worship service out to a thirsty world. Amen.

## **SENDING SONG - SB #36 "I'm Goin'a Sing When Spirit Says Sing"**