

May 31, 2020

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

* Call to Worship - Psalm 68

Leader: Let God rise up. Let his enemies be scattered. But let the righteous be joyful. Let them exult before God and be jubilant.

People: Sing to God. Sing praises to his name. Lift up a song to him — his name is the Lord — be exultant before him!

Leader: Father of orphans and protector of widows, God is in his holy temple, and God gives the desolate a home.

People: O God, you showered rain in abundance. You restored your heritage when it languished.

Leader: The Lord gives the command. Great is the company of those who bore the tidings: "The kings of the armies, they flee, they flee!"

People: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up and carries our burdens. Our God is a God of salvation. To God, the Lord, belongs escape from death.

Leader: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth. Sing praises to the Lord.

People: Listen! God sends out his mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over all. Awesome is God in his sanctuary. God gives power and strength to his people.

*Song of Praise "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" Celebration Hymnal No. 3

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God, we celebrate you on this Pentecost Sunday. Refresh us again with the power of your Holy Spirit. Just as You scattered the enemies of Your people in the past, so we ask You to scatter Your enemies today and give victory to Your people. Protect and defend all who trust in You, even as we pray in the name and power of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

*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.*

Second Lesson

John 20:19-23

Sermon

"Power to Grow Spiritual Fruit "

Rev. Dr. Eugene A. Blair

Song of Reflection

"Spirit Song "

Celebration Hymnal No. 384

Pastoral 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 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.*

Choral Response

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn of Going Forth

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit "

Celebration Hymnal No. 391

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Make Us One"

*Make us one Lord, make us one
Holy Spirit, make us one
Let our love flow, so the world will know
We are one in you; we are one in you.*

*Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

2When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men

and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Second Lesson

John 20:19-23

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Word of God for the people of God.

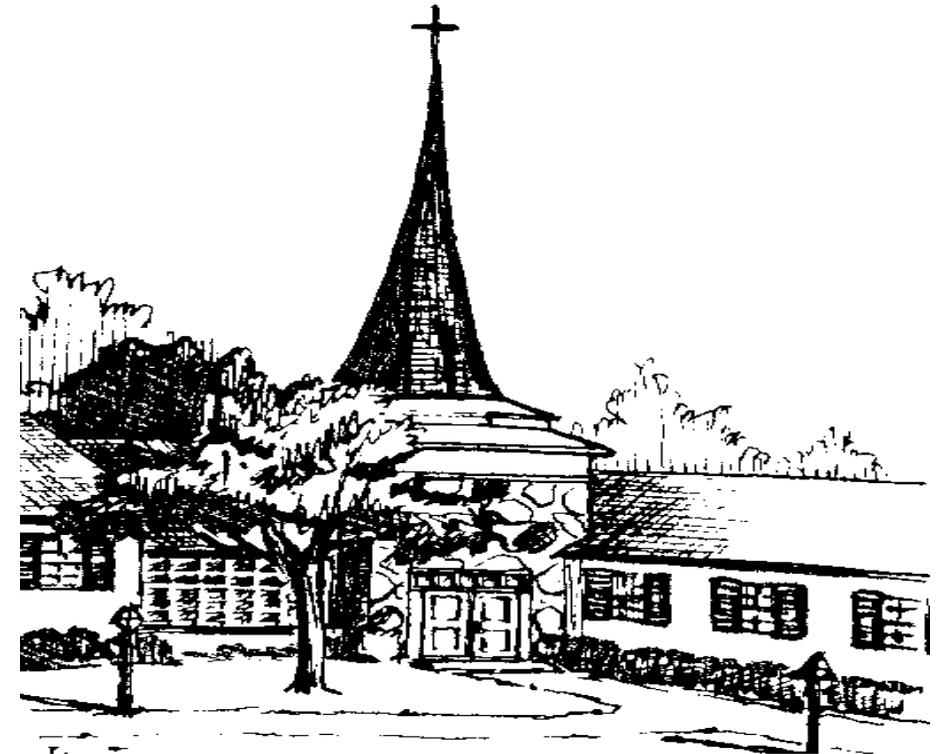
All: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME!

Church Covenant

We are banded together as a Christian Church to maintain the worship of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer; to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to develop in ourselves and others a consciousness of our relationship and duties to God and each other; to create a spirit of love for truth, a passion for righteousness and enthusiasm for service; to respect and protect all of God's creation. To this end we pledge our loyalty to Christ and covenant with God and with each other to strive to express God's spirit in our individual and corporate life; to live together as Christians and to submit ourselves to the government of this church, working, giving, praying for its increase, purity and peace, seeking in every way to make it a power for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

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