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May 19, 2024

8:00 & 10:30 AM

Pentecost Sunday

Service of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.

We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message during the 10:30AM service, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(8:00 AM) **PRELUDE**

Songs of the Spirit

arr. Tate

(10:30 AM) **MT. ZION HAND CHIMES**

A Joyful Procession

by Page

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

L: The Spirit is here among us

C: within us, around us, between us.

L: The Spirit is here to strengthen us

C: bringing courage, bringing conviction.

L: The Spirit is here to move us,

C: making us sing and praise.

L: The Spirit is here.

C: May we feel the Spirit as we gather. May we be fed by her fiery strength.

May we be emboldened by her powerful wind.

L: We gather in the Spirit's arms to be nurtured as we worship.

C: And may our worship fill us with the Spirit to equip us for the week ahead.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Spirit God,

ALL: we come into your presence with awe and wonder, praying that we would be touched with your power. In this time of worship remind us of your constant presence, your gentle guidance, your hope for the world. As we remember those of old who were moved into speech by the Spirit, so too may we find our voice to be prophetic witnesses in the world today. Remind us that we can all speak Spirit-language, that we too can burn with the fire of hope. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN NO. 2236 FWS** (see next page)

Gather Us In



Gather Us In

Marty Haugen

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
2. We are the young-our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old-who
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
4. Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

4

van-ished a-way, see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face, we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light-years a-way, but here in this place the new light is shin-ing

7

brought here to you in the light of this day _____ Gath-er us in - the
called to be light to the whole hu-man race. _____ Gath-er us in - the
call us a-new to be salt for the earth. _____ Give us to drink the
now is the King - dom now is the day. _____ Gath-er us in and

12

lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in - the blind and the lame; call to us now, and
rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in - the proud and the strong; give us a heart so
wine of com-pas-ion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nour-ish us well and
hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and make us your own; gath-er us in - all

16

we shall a-wak-en, we shall a-rise at the sound of our name. _____
meek and so low-ly, give us the cour-age to en-ter the song. _____
teach us to fash-ion lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true. _____
peo-ples to-geth-er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

***TIME OF CONFESSION²**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: O God,

C: You who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change. God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE NO. 524 NCH (vs. 1 & 2)

This Little Light of Mine

ALL SING: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

(10:30 AM) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE
SERMON**

Acts 2:1-21

HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 2117 FWS (see next page)

Spirit of God



Spirit of God

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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Piano 

1. Spir-it of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life be -
2. Spir-it of God, bright Dove, grant us your peace and
3. Spir-it of God, bright Hands, e - ven in far - off
4. Spir-it of God, bright Flame, send us in your ho - ly
5. Spir-it of God in all, we glad - ly hear your

8




- gin, blow as you al - ways do; cre - ate us a - new _____
love, healing up - on your wings for all liv - ing things. _____
lands you hold all the hu - man race in one warm em - brace. _____
name, the pow - er to heal, to share your love ev - ery - where. _____
call, the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings. _____

16



_____ Give us the breath to sing, lift - ed on soar - ing wing,
_____ For when we live your peace, cap - tives will find re - lease,
_____ No mat - ter where we go, you hold us to - geth - er so,
_____ We can - not fail or fall, or know de - feat at all,
_____ Born of your grace we rise, love shin - ing in our eyes,

25




held in your hands, _____ borne on your wings. _____

34



Al - le - lu - ia! Come, Spir - it, come! _____ Al -

43



- le - lu - ia! Come, Spir - it, come! _____

(10:30 AM) **RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

*Dayshon Bowers
Benjamin Scott Damon
Sean McCracken
Oliver Justin Morcos
Katelyn Elizabeth Shiffer
Avery May Shindler*

INVITATION

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH IN THE FORM OF A DOXOLOGY

ALL: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory. You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

ACT OF CONFIRMATION

LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYERS OF BLESSING

VOWS OF PARTICIPATION

PROMISES OF THE MT. ZION CHILDREN

PROMISES OF THE CONGREGATION

L: Church Family of Mt. Zion United Church of Christ, you have heard that these young people desire to continue to grow in the Christian Faith with you. Let us pledge to these confirmands our continued support and care.

C: We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE & SENDING FORTH

(10:30 AM) **HYMN NO. 351 NCH** (black hymnal, see below)

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

John Ylvisaker

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and lyrics. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 80. The lyrics are arranged in four columns, with some lines spanning across columns. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
2. When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
3. In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
4. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

4
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

7
were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. I was
liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long. Should you
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun. When the
were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.

10
there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; I'll be
find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be
eve - ning - gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be

14
there in case you wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
there as I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE³

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

(10:30 AM) **WORSHIP CHOIR ANTHEM**

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
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A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

In Christ Alone

Getty & Getty

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE 286 NCH (black hymnal, refrain, v. 4, refrain)

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

ALL SING: Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir my from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes, from the bondage of sorrow, the captives dream dreams; Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir my from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 284 NCH** (black hymnal, see next page)

Blessed Quietness



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Manie P. Ferguson

W. S. Marshall

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Piano $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Joys are flow - ing like a riv - er, since the
2. Bring - ing life and health and glad - ness all a -
3. Like the rain that falls from heav - en, like the
4. See, a fruit - ful field is grow - ing, bless - ed
5. What a won - der - ful sal - va - tion, when we

4

Com - fort - er has come; Christ a - bides with us for -
- round, this heav - en - ly Guest ban - ished un - be - lief and
sun - light from the sky, so the Spir - it, too, is
fruit of righ - teous - ness; and the streams of life are
al - ways see Christ's face, what a per - fect hab - i -

7

- ev - er, makes the trust - ing heart a home. Bless - ed qui - et - ness, ho - ly
sad - ness, changed our wea - ri - ness to rest.
giv - en, com - ing on us from on high.
flow - ing in the lone - ly wil - der - ness.
- ta - tion, what a qui - et rest - ing place.

11

qui - et - ness, what as - sur - ance in my soul. On the storm - y sea, Je - sus

15

speaks to me, and the bil - lows cease to roll.

References

¹The Call to Worship and the Prayer of the Day are written by Gord Waldie on his blog Worship Offerings, <https://worshipofferings.blogspot.com/2008/04/for-may-11-2008-pentecost-sunday.html> and accessed for use on 5/6/24. Church, Ashland, VA, and posted on the text this week. And accessed for use on 5/2/24.

²The Prayer of Confession is written by Teri on the RevGalBlogPals A Place for Prayer blog. <http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/> and accessed for use on 5/6/24

³The Prayers of the People are adapted from the prayers written by Rev. Joanna Harader, pastor of Peace Mennonite Church in Lawrence, KS. She blogs at SpaciousFaith.com. This prayer was posted on RevGalBlogPals. <https://revgalblogpals.org/2018/05/19/saturday-prayer-speaking-in-tongues/>

Volunteers

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

8 AM Welcome Team Members—Jesse & Nancy Smith

8 AM Liturgist—Stella Fletcher

8 AM Tech Team—David Firestone

10:30 AM Welcome Team Members—Vanessa Bicher, Jennifer & Caitlin Damon, Barb Stebbins

10:30 AM Liturgist—Andrea Adams

10:30 AM Tech Team—Elaine Bevivino, Ron Miles

10:30 AM Praise Team: Hayden Dallam, Caitlin Damon, Denny Daugherty, Mike Gibbs, Catie Kiefer

10:30 AM Handchime Choir: Andrea Adams, Braden Bicher, Vanessa Bicher, Charlie Hull, Norma Hull, Christian Maletz, Jen Miller, Tim Rhinehart

Worship Choir—Andrea Adams, Tom Bair, Brenda Beyer, Braden Bicher, Debbie Butcher, Lana Fritz, Carol Hartman, Norma Hull, Michael Maletz, Jen Miller, Barb Neff, Paula Strayer