



# Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016

## THE CHURCH GATHERS TO WORSHIP GOD

**CHIMING THE HOUR**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE DAY**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**.....Jennifer Larson

*(Children ages 3 yrs. – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to gather on the steps of the altar.) †*

**PRELUDE**.....Daniel Iverson

*Spirit of the Living God*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**.....Dillon Sirmans

Leader: We gather together because God has called us.  
We wait in expectant awe for God's appearing.

**PEOPLE: WE ARE TOGETHER, OLD AND YOUNGE, RICH AND POOR.  
WE HAVE COME, BELIEVERS AND SKEPTICS, TO THIS PLACE.**

Leader: On the first Christian Pentecost, there were surprises;  
the rush of a violent wind and tongues of fire.

**PEOPLE: WE TREMBLE BEFORE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.  
WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE LET THE SPIRIT IN?**

Leader: On this Pentecost, we can receive the surprises of God.  
We can be moved to speak and act in new ways.

**UNISON: WITH HESITANT EAGERNESS, WE WELCOME THE SPIRIT.  
WE WILL RISK STEPPING INTO GOD'S VISION FOR US.**

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**.....Ava Everett

**\*WORSHIP HYMN**.....Chris Tomlin

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Amazing God, who created humanity as one people, come among us now to reunify us. Out of our differences, create understanding and eagerness to explore the variety among us. Out of our narrowness, fashion a breadth of involvement to feed our spirits. May we dream and see visions. May we truly hear our sisters and brothers and respond to them with empathy and love. We ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying, "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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever." Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**.....CH. 35

*Glory Be to the Father*

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE WORD OF GOD

**FIRST READING** (pg. 877).....John 14:8-17, 25-27

**ANTHEM**.....K. Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

**SECOND READING** (pg. 885).....Acts 2:1-21

**MESSAGE**.....The Rev. Uwe C. Scharf, PhD.

*"Pentecost: God's Life-Giving Spirit in Our Midst"*

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**MORNING PRAYER**

## THE CHURCH COMES TOGETHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

**OFFERTORY**.....Paul Baloche

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of wind and fire, may new life be breathed into the world because of these gifts we return to You. Grant us enhanced capacity to carry Your revelation to others in ways they can understand. We seek to be to one another channels of Your love and peace, both in person and through the outreach of our offerings. Amen.

**GIVE THANKS**.....CH. 528

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

**COMMUNION INVITATION**

**COMMUNION HYMN**.....CH. 261

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

**PRAYER FOR THE BREAD**.....Bob Nutting

**PRAYER FOR THE CUP**.....Tom Larson

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**.....Traditional Spiritual

*I'm Gonna Sing/Aint that a Good News*

*The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat the bread as it is passed and drink the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE CHURCH GOES FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH. 254**

***Breathe On Me, Breath of God***

*During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, to please come forward.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*POSTLUDE.....Thomas Troeger & Cricket Harrison**

***Water, River, Spirit, Grace***

**‡** Children Preschool – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may attend Children, Worship & Wonder  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades attend LIVE BIG!

**\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**DIACONATE SERVING TODAY**

Sharon Jenson, Megan Baines, Zach Lowman, Shannon Houck



*Thank you for worshipping at West Side Christian Church today.*

*We hope you received a blessing this morning, and that you will experience God's presence in the week ahead. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!*



***The Welcome Loaf***

*We offer a homemade loaf of bread to first time visitors as an expression of our appreciation for your presence. Please see a greeter at the door following worship to receive your loaf.*



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