

Worship Resources for Pentecost Sunday May 31, 2020

**As you are gathering for worship, share together (or think about)
how have you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in your life?**

Song – “*Holy Spirit*”

Welcome & Call to Worship – *Based on John 14*

Opening Prayer

Song – “*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*”

Pentecost Reading – *Acts 2*

Song – “*This I Believe (The Creed)*”

Declarations of Faith – *We Believe*

We Believe that the eternal Father our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is our God and Father because of Christ his Son. We trust him so much that we do not doubt he will provide whatever we need for body and soul, and he will turn to our good whatever adversity he sends us in this sad world. He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father. Nothing will separate us from his love

We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word made flesh. He is the long-awaited Savior, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Spirit of God and born of the virgin Mary, sent by God to reconcile the world to himself. We believe that Jesus, in the events of his earthly life—his temptations and suffering, his teaching and miracles, his battles with demons and talks with sinners—made present in deed and in word the coming rule of God. We believe that as our substitute, he suffered all his years on earth, especially in the horrible torture of the cross. He carried God’s judgement on our sin, and his sacrifice removes our guilt. Thanks be to God! He walked out of the grave, the Lord of life! He conquered sin and death. He ascended in triumph. He hears our prayers, pleads our cause, and rules the world.

We believe that at Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given to the church. Jesus stays with us in the Spirit, who renews our hearts, moves us to faith, leads us in the truth, stands by us in our need and makes our obedience fresh and vibrant. We believe that in our world, bent under the weight of sin, Christ gathers a new community. Satan and his evil forces seek whom they may confuse and swallow; but Jesus builds his church, his Spirit guides, and grace abounds. The Spirit thrusts God’s people in to worldwide mission with the good news of God’s grace. He empowers them, going before them and with them. We rejoice that the Spirit is waking us to see our mission in God’s world. We believe that the church is sent with the gospel of the kingdom to make disciples of all nations, to feed the hungry, and to proclaim the assurance that in the name of Christ there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe—to tell the news that our world belongs to God.

Song – “*By Faith*”

Celebrating the Lord’s Supper

Song – “*This Holy Covenant Was Made*”

Morning Prayer

Kid's Time

Scripture – *John 20:19-23*

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Message - "Trusting the Power"

Some questions to think and talk about.

What questions does this story raise for you? What comforts you?

What are the fears and concerns you have right now?

How have you experienced the peace of Jesus in your life?

What will allow you to live with greater peace and joy?

Song – "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

God's Blessing

Song – "Build Your Kingdom Here"

~Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors~