



Zion Goshert's United Church of Christ

Worship
Sunday, May 31, 2020

Pentecost

Pastor: Bruce Farrell

Ministers: All the Faithful Members

PRELUDE

Tara Zimmerman

[9:55 a.m.]

WELCOME and Ringing of the Bell

CALL TO WORSHIP

The day of Pentecost has come and we have gathered together wherever we are. We are nothing without You, Lord. Come worship Jesus Who gave us the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Advocate, Protector, Counselor. Send us Your presence and grant us Your mercy and love. Praise the Lord Who sends forth His Spirit! May Your glory endure forever!

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**¹Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.**

**²Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast.
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**³Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.**

**⁴Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

PRAYERS for the People and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father Who is in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.
Your kingdom come; Your 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Happy Birthday, Church!

THE SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:15 and 2:1-5, 14-24, 32-33, 36-47

SERMON: 3000 Miracles

COMMUNION

Invitation

Call to Confession:

[Acts 2:37-38]

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said ..., "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

Confession

[Galatians 5:19-21]

We confess obvious acts of the flesh such as sexual immorality, impurity, idolatry, hatred, discord, jealousy, rage, selfish ambition, envy; drunkenness, and the like.

Assurance of Pardon

[Acts 2:38-39]

Repent... for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

Declaration of Faith

I believe that I cannot, by my own reason or strength, believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with gifts, sanctified and keeps me in the true faith. In the same way, the Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church, the Holy Spirit daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day, the Spirit will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Preparation

Anthem

Celtic Communion

Roberto Marti

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by Whom the words of life were spoken, and in Whose death our sins are dead. Look on the heart by sorrow broken; look on the tears by sinners shed; and be Your feast to us, the token that by Your grace our souls are fed! Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, One in Three; Christ above me, Christ beneath me, Christ within me, Three in One. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread

Spirit of the Living God

**Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.**

Sharing of the Wine

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

**¹Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love whate'er You love and do what You would do.
³Breathe on me, breath of God, so that Your will is mine,
until this earthly part of me glows with Your fire divine.**

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank You for having us feast at Your heavenly banquet. Through the great Comforter, Advocate, our faithful Guide, we are part of Your holy love. As You have blessed this meal, bless now our work and our words, so we may extend Your welcome to all until Christ comes in final victory. May the Spirit's power make it so. Amen.

HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I, Who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.***

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain. I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone – give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My words to them. Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them; My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide 'til their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

BENEDICTION

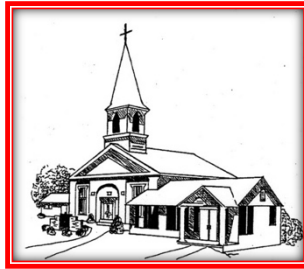
As God's people, we are compelled by the Holy Spirit and God's Word. Compelled to preach the gospel to all peoples. Compelled to baptize, to teach, to disciple. As God's Spirit-filled people, we are compelled to work for peace everywhere. Compelled to act justly and love mercy. The Holy Spirit is here, working in our midst, active in our lives. Let us leave here to live God's love wherever we are without fitting in – light in darkness, salt in a spoiling world.

NOTES ON PARISH LIFE

POSTLUDE

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 15:13



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Declaration of Faith: from the Explanation of the 3rd Article of the *Apostles' Creed*, from Luther's *Small Catechism*.

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