

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Please take note: There will be no congregational singing and no unison readings during the service. All music will be provided by the Music Director and soloists, and readings will be done by the Pastor and Deacon.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

The Family Room at the rear of the sanctuary is available for anyone experiencing difficulty worshipping in the sanctuary.

INTROIT "O God, In Your Love"

Sangho Nam and Wil Snodgrass

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sisters and brothers, as we gather in the welcome of God's love,
As we gather in the joy of our unity in Jesus Christ,
As we gather in the power of the Holy Spirit,
Let us listen for the voice of God!

Let us worship God, who has spoken and still speaks to those who attend to the roar of the Holy One. Amen!

HYMN "Our God, We Sing and Celebrate" *Andrew Foster*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We admit to you, God of our life, that our celebration of the coming of your Spirit is often an empty ritual. Through the Spirit you offer us life, but we cling to the ways of death. Through the Spirit you offer us freedom, but we cling to our chains. Through the Spirit you offer us unity, but we continue building walls between ourselves and others. Through the Spirit you offer us power, but we shrink away in fear and doubt.

**If you are able to do so comfortably, please stand*

Forgive us, O God, that we refuse the gifts you offer. Allow us to touch the Risen Christ, that our doubt may be overcome. Let us move into the world with the word of your love and justice. This we pray in the powerful name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

To all who seek forgiveness through confession of sin and commitment to change, God responds with mercy and grace. Ever and always, God welcomes us home to live with joy in the world, to look with hope toward the time ahead. Glory be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI (Read by Deacon)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 11:1-9
Acts 2:1-21

SERMON "A World of Difference"

Text: "All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'" (Acts 2:12)

HYMN "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Dale Magnuson

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastoral Prayer (including prayer concerns)

Time of Silent 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Prayer Response "Spirit of God"

Kim Kuda

DELIGHTING IN GIVING

(The offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary.)

Invitation to Present Our Offerings

**Prayer of Dedication*

O God, on this day of Pentecost we celebrate your Spirit so freely given and so powerfully active within your church. As the Spirit moves in our midst, may it inspire us towards generosity and fire us with an energy to serve you well. We ask this in the name of Christ whose promise of ever presence the Spirit fulfills. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “God of Every Generation” *Andrew Foster,
Dale Magnuson and Kim Kuda*

**BENEDICTION*

**POSTLUDE*

GUEST PASTOR - Rev. Dr. George E. Peters
MUSIC DIRECTOR - Kim Kuda
DEACON & LAY READER - Donna Hassell-Winter
SOLOISTS - Andrew Foster, Kim Kuda, Sangho Nam,
Dale Magnuson, Wil Snodgrass



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