

Service of Worship
Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016

10:30 AM

Pentecost (from Greek pentekoste meaning 50th) celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' followers.

Pentecost is said to be "the birthday of the church."

Pentecost was celebrated as early as the third century, with celebrations sometimes including the whole 50 days. At Pentecost many nationalities were represented in the crowd that listened to the disciples preach the good news that day, but they all heard the message in their own language.

Pentecost is a time to hear the message in our "own language" and to consider what participation in God's Shalom means for us.

*Those who are able, please stand

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST READING *Acts 2:1-21* NT pg. 119

PRELUDE *Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God* Buxtehude

CHIMES

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

One This is the Day of Pentecost. Today we gather in joy.

All: Today we speak in words so that all may understand.

One *Este es el Día de Pentecostes. Hoy nos reunimos en celebración.*

All: This is the Day of Pentecost. Today we gather in celebration.

One *Hoy hablamos en palabras de modo que todos puedan entender.*

All: Today we speak in words so that all may understand.

One *Llénanos con el aliento de tu presencia*

All: Fill us with the breath of your presence.

One Set our hearts on fire with your love.

All: Envía tu Espíritu! Send forth your Spirit!

***HYMN** (see insert, vss. 1 & 2) *Spirit of God*

***PENTECOST PRAYER** (*let us pray together . . .*)

Spirit of God, you come to us as a powerful wind, but we have shut the door and bolted it, to try to keep you out. You descend on us as tongues of fire, but we run away, afraid of being consumed. You give us gifts beyond our ability, but we hide saying, "Not today," or "Not me." On this day of Pentecost break open the doors of resistance. Let the blaze of your Spirit dance within each of us. And give us courage and faith to claim your call for our lives. Amen.

***WORDS OF GOD'S ENDURING LOVE**

One: Spirit, renew us with new life, and send us into the world together dancing!

All: AMEN!

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** (see insert, refrain)*Spirit of God*

Alleluia! Come Spirit, come!

Alleluia! Come Spirit, come!

LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE *John 14:8-17, 25-27* NT pg. 108

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children through second grade may go to the nursery.)

***HYMN** (insert, vss. 1-3) *Will You Come and Follow Me*

SERMON

***HYMN** (insert, vss. 4-5) *Will You Come and Follow Me*

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

Congregational Prayer (let us pray together . . .)

Oh God, we ask you to take our sisters, Barbara, Lynn, Leslie, Sylvia, Sherri and Belinda, and our brothers, Peter and Bill, into your care. You have blessed them with particular gifts and talents and have provided them with an opportunity to learn more about helping people. May they serve you with the power of the Holy Spirit; may they be quick to serve, patient in listening, willing to share themselves with people. Give to us thankful hearts for them, and show them in times of stress and satisfaction a special measure of your mercy and joy.

Keep them strong in the faith you have given them for the sake of Jesus, who cares for all of us in every way forever. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER (see insert, vs. 5) *Spirit of God*

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

(and the Lord's Prayer)

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

OFFERING

Invitation

Choral Anthem

*When Morning Gilds the Skies
by Dale Wood*

***Doxology** (*page 48 in hymnal*) *tune: TALLIS' CANON*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God triune, whom we adore.

***Prayer of Dedication** (*let us pray together . . .)*

Gracious God, send down upon us your Holy Spirit.

With many voices we praise you and in different ways we serve you. Take our diversity and mold it into a common theme of thanksgiving. Transform our lives that we may dedicate ourselves wholeheartedly to you. Take our gifts and us for use in renewing your world. Amen.

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

***HYMN** 272 (vs. 1, 2, 5) *The Church's One Foundation*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

POSTLUDE

Hail, O Festal Day Vaughan Williams

Spirit of God



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



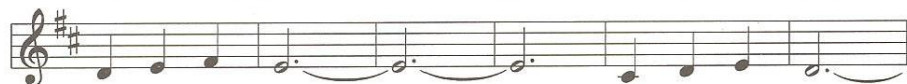
be - gin, blow as you al - ways do; cre -
 and love, heal - ing up - on your wings for
 off lands you hold all the hu - man race in
 ly name, the pow - er to heal, to share your
 your call, the life in our hands that sings, the



ate us a - new. _____ Give us the breath
 all liv - ing things. _____ For when we live
 one warm em - brace. _____ No mat - ter where
 love ev - ery - where. _____ We can - not fail
 power of your wings. _____ Born of your grace



to sing, lift - ed on soar - ing wing, }
 your peace, cap - tives will find re - lease, }
 we go, you hold us to - geth - er so, }
 or fall, or know de - feat at all, }
 we rise, love shin - ing in our eyes, }



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



Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia!

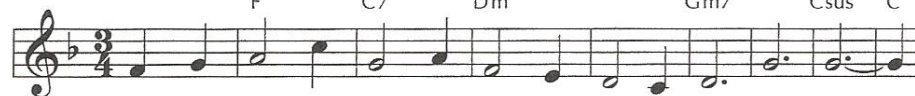


Come, Spir - it, come! _____ come! _____

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Will You Come and Follow Me

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C



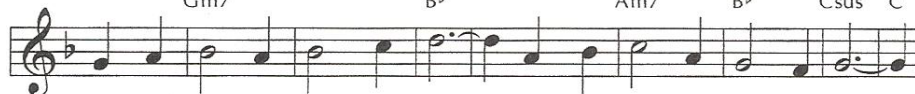
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



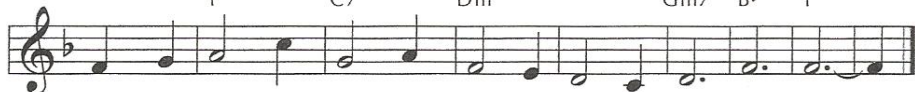
Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Worship Service
Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Joanne Cincotta, Bev Berry,
Laurie Leach, Shirley
Osterhoudt

Worship Leader

Tracy Bertram

Liturgists

the Ulrich Family

Acolytes

Caoimhe Dudgeon,
Sophia Wright

Flowers

Nursery Volunteers

the Dudgeon family,
Jenelle Pedersen

Coffee Hour

Dottie Green and Gwen Hayne

Attendance

May 8 – 89

Our giving 5/8/16:

Operations - \$2,044.50

Missions - \$227.00

Year-to-date financials will be
in next month's newsletter.

Life in the Parish
Week of May 15

SUNDAY – May 15

10:30 am – Worship service

MONDAY – May 16

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets

TUESDAY – May 17

2:00 pm – Bridge group

6:30 pm – Trustees meet

7:00 pm – Homer Brass rehearsal

WEDNESDAY – May 18

6:00 pm – Pastor Search

Committee meets

7:00 pm – Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY – May 19

9:30 am – Newsletter Collating

Committee meets *(thank you!)*

12:00 pm – Bible Study Group

4:30 pm – Endowment

Committee meets

6:45 pm – Church Council meets

SUNDAY – May 22

9:15 am – Sunday School, The
Well

10:30 am – Worship service

11:45 am – Reception for Sherri
Masterson and Donni Piotti

NOTES AND NOTICES

Today we will be commissioning our **Stephen Ministers**: Belinda Burtner, Sylvia Hammond, Bill Masterson, Sherri Masterson, Lynn Olcott, Barbara Wright, Leslie Wright, and Peter Wright.

What is a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers are members of the Homer Congregational Church who have participated in 50 hours of training to provide high-quality Christian care to individuals experiencing a crisis or challenge such as divorce, grief, loss of a job, hospitalization, relocation, or loneliness. Stephen Ministers are each assigned a care receiver and meet with that care receiver for about an hour each week. The caring relationship will last for as long as the care receiver needs it. If you would like more information on how to receive care from a Stephen Minister please talk with Pastor Kathleen, or one of our Stephen Leaders: Belinda Burtner or Bill Masterson.

Plan to be with us next Sunday as we have a special recognition of **Donna Piotti** (Church Secretary) and **Sherri Masterson** (Youth Fellowship Coordinator) as they complete their service to Homer Congregational Church.

The Memory Café - Third Tuesday of every month, - 10:30 am until noon in the old Railroad Station on Central Avenue in Cortland. If you have a family member, or know someone who is caring for a loved one with memory loss, this is a place where you can go to enjoy social activities, get support and just relax. Snacks and coffee are available. For information, contact Bill Hopkins at william.hopkins@cortland.edu

VBS and Chautauqua – An Adventure in Community! August 1-7. This year there will be programming for the entire family! Monday through Wednesday will be the traditional format from 9 am until 12 noon; Thursday and Friday will be from 5 pm until 7:30 pm with a light dinner for families and an option for parents to attend Chautauqua programs while kids are at VBS. For more info and to volunteer, please contact Mark Bertram at 607-745-0177 or by email markbertram@hotmail.com.