IMMANUEL PENTECOST SUNDAY WORSHIP | MAY 31, 2020



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"As tulips from the hard ground spring, So God's Spirit makes hard hearts sing."

- John Walford, Pentecost, 2007

Who We Seek to Be

In our love for Christ and guided by God's Word we seek to be a community of

Joyful Worship, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

Loving Fellowship, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

Life-changing Learning, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

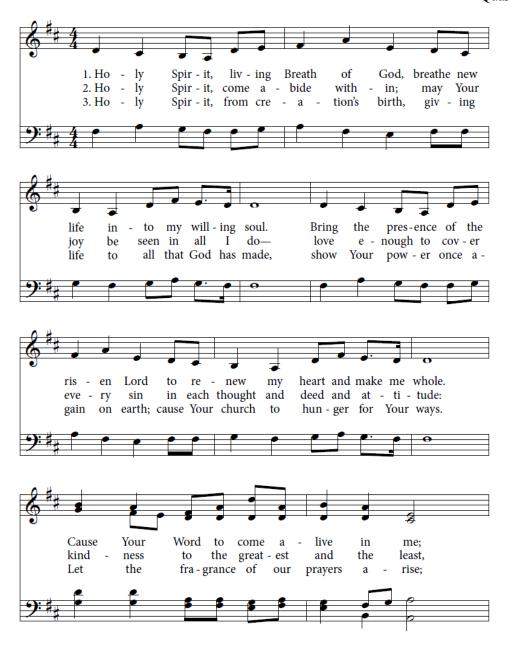
Enthusiastic Service, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

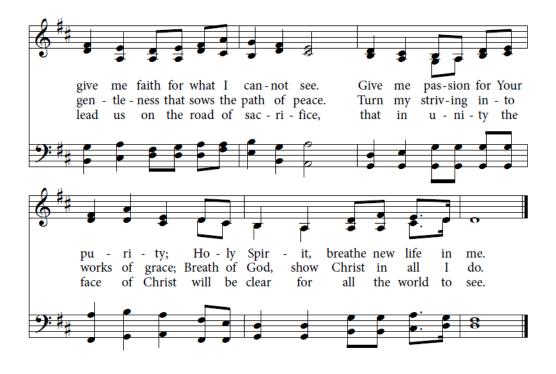
- * CALL TO WORSHIP
 - Pastor: By sending down a confusion of languages, the Most High scattered the nations.
 - All: By distributing the tongues of fire, God calls all peoples to unity. In harmony we glorify the Holy Spirit.
 - Pastor: In the sound of a mighty wind rushing from the heavens, the Most High trumpets good news over the earth.
 - All: We worship and glorify the Holy Spirit. May the Savior who opens the gates of paradise open our hearts to wisdom and truth.
- * INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God Stuart Townend/Keith Getty Ouartet



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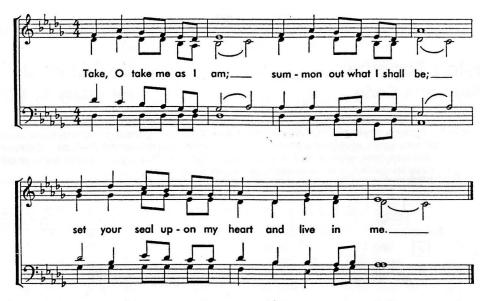
WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL OF CONFESSION

SHEROLL RITCHIE

- Leader: God poured out His Spirit upon the gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.
- All: We confess that we hold back the force of the Spirit among us. We do not listen for God's word of grace.
- Leader: We do not speak the good news of God's love, or live as a people made one in Christ.
- All: Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF CONFESSION



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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life sets us free from the law of sin and death. And if the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, God who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit, who lives in us.

* ACCLAMATION

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

VIRGINIA SHAFFER

KATHERINE ANDERSON

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

SPECIAL MUSIC: Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

arr. John Zimmerman IMMANUEL CHOIR

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me; I myself would gracious be, And with words that help and heal Would thy life in mine reveal; And with actions bold and meek Would for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me; I myself would truthful be; And with wisdom kind and clear Let thy life in mine appear; And with actions brotherly Speak my Lord's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me; I myself would holy be; Separate from sin, I would Chose and cherish all things good; And whatever I can be, give to him who gave to me.

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Joel 2:27-32

²⁷Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

²⁸ "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. ²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. ³⁰ I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ³¹ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. ³² And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved: for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance. as the LORD has said. even among the survivors

whom the LORD calls. NIV

* Congregational Response

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

* New Testament Scripture: Acts 2:1-4

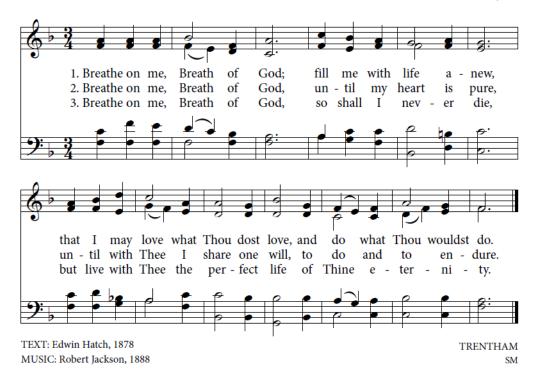
¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. NIV

SERMON: The Church's Purpose

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

QUARTET



- * BENEDICTION
- * Postlude

If you are in need of prayer, contact elder Leon Sinclair (980-322-6012 or leon.sinclair@att.net) who is happy to pray with you.

Thanks to our musicians: John Zimmerman, Marcus and Grace Mayell, Karin and Joel Buursma, Sue Lundin, Peter Welander, Mary Hopper, Neil and Audra Loney.

Thanks to our video editor, Peter Welander.

Today	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
	6:00 - 7:00 p.m. 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group (Zoom) High School Youth Group (Zoom)
Tuesday	11:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

Rob LaPlaca getting married during COVID-time: The shower for Rob's fiancee, Rebekah Courtney, was canceled due to the lockdown. If you want to celebrate the marriage of Rob and Rebekah (downsized!), which will take place on June 27 in Holland, Michigan, check out their registry at <u>theknot.com</u> (type in Courtney, LaPlaca), where you can also see a few photos of the happy couple. Cards or gifts can be sent to Rob's house in Michigan (2250 Camden Ave., Wyoming, MI 49519) or passed off to the LaPlaca parents in West Chicago.

If you are not on the **Constant Contact** email list to receive our weekly newsletter and updates, contact Barb (immanpres@gmail.com).

The Tuesday Women's Bible Studies are taking two weeks off. A new session will begin with a study on the psalms of lament on Tuesdays from June 16-July 21. **The summer Wednesday study** with Terra may begin as early as June 11. Stay tuned for more details.

ELDERS Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Lew Luttrell, Carl Pickard, Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Gaby Sosa, Alva Steffler, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth

DEACONS

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