

(Stained glass window from St Aloysius' church in Somers Town, London)

Pentecost Sunday – May 28, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Fifth Annual "Pentecost in the Park" First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

PRELUDE "Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal" arr. Alice Parker Spiro Spero Singers, director Brett Epperson - Linda Vollweiler, Keyboard

WELCOME Rev. Tamara Holtz

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rushing Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!

Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!

Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds.

Let us prepare to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.

Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love.

Make us people who will proclaim God's good news in all that we do.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly, but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kingdom to come. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Don't be afraid!

God's Holy Spirit brings us comfort and hope.

You are being prepared to serve God in some mighty ways.

Rejoice! God's Holy Spirit is with us always.

In the name of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, you are forgiven and loved as God's own.

Alleluia! Amen!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

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*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Greet others around you this morning by exchanging the Peace of Christ.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rose Koepp

While the children are coming forward, we will sing "This Little Light of Mine"

ANTHEM

"Angel Band" Spiro Spero Singers

arr. Shawn Kirchner

Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Lance Clay

O God, open our hearts and minds and souls to hear your word as if for the first time. May your Holy Spirit help us experience anew the surprise and joy that your presence in the word can bring us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - Acts 2:1-21

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"Holy Spirit Hope!"

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett, Rev. Lance Clay, Rev. Tamara Holtz, Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann

*HYMN

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

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Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

The offering this morning will benefit United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry, a joint ministry of First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church that provides a monthly distribution of food on the third Saturday of the month to anyone in the community. To give, you can put money in the box as you are leaving or you can scan the QR code and give by credit card.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

PRAYER RESPONSE

"My Feet are Tired but my Soul is Resting" Spiro Spero Singers arr. Shawn Kirchner

*CHARGE and BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Sweet Rivers"
Spiro Spero Singers

arr. Shawn Kirchner

Presiding:

Reverend Greg Allen-Pickett, First Presbyterian Church of Hastings Reverend Lance Clay, First United Methodist Church of Hastings Reverend Tamara Holtz, First Christian Church of Hastings Reverend Damen Jensen-Heitmann, First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

Leading Music: Linda Vollweiler, Keyboard Spiro Spero Singers, directed by Brett Epperson

Angie Amaya, Dorothy Dean, Linda Johnson, Dana Miller, Jeanette Benson, Hannah Benson, Elisia Flaherty, Becky Shane, Ivey Zimmerman, Greg Sanchez, Richard Johnson, Neil Kerr, Hugo Madera, Carter Pursley, Colin Sandall, Tyler Koepp, Jessi LaBrie, Tom Lesiak, Tom Michalek, Grant Pyper



Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

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