



MAY 23, 2021
Day of Pentecost
Confirmation Sunday

REFLECTION

"Bethlehem was God with us; Calvary was God for us; and Pentecost is God in us."

~ Robert Baer

PRELUDE

"Living Hope"

Phil Wickham

INTROIT

"Faith of Our Fathers"

arr. Barbara B. Kinyon

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

May the Lord rejoice in all the work of creation!

We will sing to God as long as we live,

We will sing praise to God while we have being.

May our meditation be pleasing to God,

For we rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

May we enter this time of worship,

knowing God's Spirit is at work in us.

Praise the Lord!

God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always.

Amen.

HYMN No. 300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love, by our love

Yes, they'll know we are Christians

By our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love.

We will work with each other; we work side by side;
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*In Unison*)

Spirit of God: You come, aflame with new life, but our routines threaten to do use your passion. You come on fire with love, yet we limit our affections to a select few. You come, surging with new dreams, but we still cling to the old ways of living; Forgive us, Spirit of Truth, forgive us. Come to us, anew, this day to shatter our hardened hearts with your tenderness. Set our souls on fire with your love and send us into a world which aches for the new joy, the new fire, the new life offered in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In every breath we take, there is the Spirit;
in every word we speak, there is the Spirit;
in every heart we touch, there is the Spirit;
in every person we welcome, there is the Spirit.

In forgiveness, we are given the words to speak; the courage to reach out to others; the open heart to offer others, the breath of life to share with those around us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

HYMN No. 280, St. 3

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

EBENEZER

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
Give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
Glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
Now and through eternity.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Go Forth with God!”

Martin Shaw

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Amos 5:21-24

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-16

SERMON

“What Does It Mean?”

Rev. William Schram

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Song to a Dove”

Michael R. Hassell

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN No. 749

“Come! Live in the Light!”

WE ARE CALLED

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,

To live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice;

We are called to love tenderly;

We are called to serve on another;

To walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless

So hatred and violence will be no more.

We are called to act with justice;

We are called to love tenderly;

We are called to serve on another;

To walk humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we’ll walk with each other

As sisters and brothers united in love.

We are called to act with justice;

We are called to love tenderly;

We are called to serve on another;

To walk humbly with God.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Where'er You Walk”

G. F. Handel
arr. Rob Roy Perry

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram
Rev. Barbara Piercy
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Chancel Choir & Youth Choirs
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