

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

## Day of Pentecost

May 27, 2007

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

### GATHERING. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

(from *Psalms* 104)

How many and great are Your works, O Lord!

**In wisdom You have made them all.**

You send forth Your Spirit, and they are created.

**And so You renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord!

**The Lord's name be praised!**

The Prayer of Adoration

**All the earth is full of Your glory, O God; the heavens resound in praise of Your name. Brooks ramble along the course You designed for them; leaves whisper of Your manifold ways; fields murmur as You pass through them; in the skies the thunder sounds its applause. With countless tongues and voices creation welcomes Your presence. We join that throng and lift up our chorus, "Praise God, from Whom all mercies flow!" Amen.**

\*The Hymn 131

*"Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow"*

\*The Prayer of Confession

**God of fire and wind, holy and powerful, mighty and mysterious, we are drawn by Your Spirit to this place. As we gather and behold Your glory, we are aware of how unworthy we are to be in Your presence. We have ignored Your word. We have rejected Your gifts. We have failed in Your work. Ignoring the truth of Pentecost, we continue to exclude those who are different from us. We divide our loyalties. We divide our hearts. In Your mercy, forgive us. . . .(time for silent confession). . .**

\*The Choral Response

\*The Assurance of Pardon

As God confused the language of all the earth to keep the people from idolatry,  
so God sent Christ with the universal message of salvation.

**Whoever calls on Christ's name shall be saved.**

Brothers and sisters, trust that name and be assured.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**Alleluia! Amen.**

\*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

\*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.)

Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

### TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The New Testament Lesson: *Acts 2:1-21*

p. 144 in the pew Bible

The Psalter Lesson: *Psalms 104:24-34*

p. 683 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

*"I Will Sing with the Spirit"*

John Rutter

The Epistle Lesson: *Romans 8:14-17*

p. 191 in the pew Bible

A Moment with the Children

\*The Hymn 128

*"On Pentecost They Gathered"*

The Gospel Lesson: *John 14:8-17*

p. 133 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

*"Feels Like Home"*  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD. . .

\*The *Affirmation of Faith*

(from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of people long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Service of Offering  
The Offertory

\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Doxology p. 592 in the Hymnal

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE IN GOD'S NAME.

\*The Hymn 436

*"We Are Your People"*

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The National Hymn 564

*"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"*

\*The Postlude