

THE NOON SERVICE

pentecost

WELCOME

Welcome to the
NOON SERVICE!

We are an informal, liturgical community of faith and struggle. We seek an authentic expression of the ancient Christian faith for the modern world. We welcome questions and doubts; we believe in justice and mercy for all; we long for a world free from hatred, hunger and despair; we follow Jesus into loving, liberating, life-giving relationship with God.

All are welcome to participate in this service, including children.

NURSERY CARE is also available (*nursery is down the stairs and to the left*).

On the first Sunday of every month we have **BRUNCH CHURCH**. We'd love to have you join us!

TODAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY!

Pentecost means “the fiftieth day.” It is used in both the OT and the NT. In the OT it refers to a feast of seven weeks known as the Feast of Weeks. It was apparently an agricultural event that focused on the harvesting of first fruits. Josephus referred to Pentecost as the fiftieth day after the first day of Passover. The term is used in the NT to refer to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church’s worldwide preaching. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Some understand Pentecost to be the origin and sending out of the church into the world and many today refer to it as the birthday of the church!

Pentecost (from the Greek *pentekoste*, the ‘fiftieth’ day of celebration) has its roots in the Jewish Festival of Weeks, which was completed on the fiftieth day after Passover. On this fiftieth day of Easter, God sends the Holy Spirit to empower the church, the followers of Jesus, on a mission of healing, liberation and love. God’s Spirit transcends all human-made boundaries. God can be experienced in fire and wind, dreams and visions, prophetic words and preaching. Pentecost reminds us that God comes through all modalities and to and through all people, from all ethnicities, races, and backgrounds. We invite you to notice the presence of the Spirit of God moving in your life and in the world around us this day.

The People's responses are in **bold**.

Gathering Song

Opening Sentences

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

The Gloria *(the musicians will lead us in the Gloria)*

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis deo

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia

Opening Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Eternal God, Consuming Fire, who on this day gave us the gift of your Holy Spirit: Fill us with the longing to speak your uncontainable word to a broken and wounded world, that we may lead others to the warmth of your light, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The Readings

(please stand for the Alleluia and the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Alleluia *(led by the musicians)*

The HOLY GOSPEL according to _____.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(after the Gospel)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Lord.

Community Reflection on The Word

*In community, we exchange our thoughts and reflections on scripture. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO SHARE, AND PLEASE ALLOW SPACE FOR OTHERS TO SHARE.** We invite you to listen to the wisdom of God in one another.*

We use the microphone as our talking stick and as a way to make sure all can hear.

Prayers of the People

Flaming God of Pentecost,

Let us speak in tongues of comfort

to those weeping over the bodies of their loved ones shot by troubled gunmen,
killed in border clashes, dying from Ebola.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Let us speak in tongues of courage

to those living in fear

of the next shooting, the next bomb, the illness that threatens.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Let us speak in tongues of condemnation

against laws and policies that promote violence,

prioritizing the preferences of some over the lives of others.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Let us speak in tongues of care

for the most vulnerable in our world—

human beings, animals, and ecosystems.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Let us speak in tongues of love

for you and for your people,

that Your language might be our language.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider:

And when our tongues are still,

when we have no words to speak,

let our hearts burn with your fire,

let our ears hear your words in our own native tongue,

let our skin feel the wind of your Spirit—

a mighty wind, blowing where it will. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say "PEACE BE WITH YOU!" or something similar.

Community Announcements

EUCCHARIST

The Holy Eucharist (which means 'thanksgiving') is the sacred meal of the church, where we respond to the call of Jesus to continue to break bread and share the cup in his name. It is a way for us to be in communion with God and one another. We pray remembering all that God has done and notice what God is doing even now.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Eternal Wisdom, we praise you and give you thanks, for, as you revealed yourself of old in fire and storm and precious law, so you did not leave your followers comfortless, but came upon them on this day in thunder, wind and flame, filling them with clarity and power, and making them drunk with longing to utter your uncontainable word. And now, you have poured out your spirit upon all flesh, that your sons and daughters may prophesy, that old and young may share a vision, and that the slaves find a voice.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Therefore, with Elizabeth who prophesied your birth, Mary who sang for the poor, Martha who confessed you as the Christ, the women who announced you risen from the dead, and with every nameless and unremembered prophet who heard your call and inspired her people, we praise you, singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with chords and melodic lines.

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who comes behind the doors we have closed, and breathes on our fears his fearful peace; who on the night that he betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this to remember me.' In the same way he took the cup, after supper, saying: 'This is the new covenant in my blood. Do this whenever you drink it, to remember me.'

We remember Christ's death;
we proclaim Christ's resurrection;
We await Christ's coming in glory.

Come now, spirit of integrity, of tenderness, judgement, and dance; touch our speechlessness, kindle our longing, reach into our silence, and fire our words with your truth; that each may hear in her own language the mighty works of God.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ. **AMEN.**

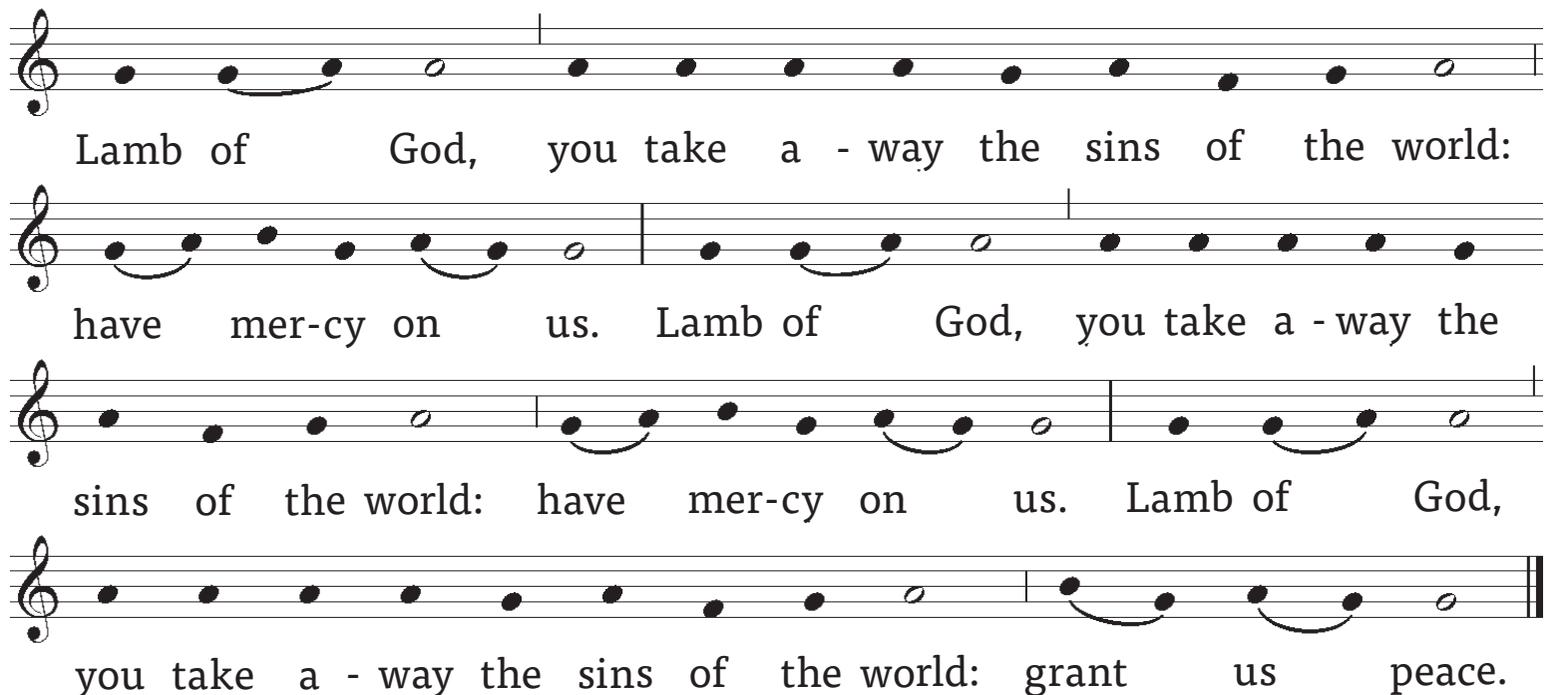
The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread + Agnus Dei

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider:

This is the table, not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, you who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

(please be seated)

If you wish to receive communion, please come forward as the spirit moves you. You can receive the bread and/or wine, by extending your hands and receiving the bread and taking a sip of the cup of wine or dipping your bread into the wine. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, come forward and cross your arms over your chest and we will happily offer a prayer for God's blessing upon you. You can also use this time as a way to pray for and contemplate God's movement in your life. Gluten free wafers are available.

After Communion, the People stand to say the following Prayer

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.

The Blessing

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you every step of the way, and be your guide as your road changes and turns. **Amen.**

Closing Song *(musicians will lead)*

The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the risen Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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