

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Isaac Watts

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Hymn of Promise* Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree.
In cocoons, a hidden promise, butterflies will soon be free.
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be.
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody.
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future, what it holds, a mystery.
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity.
In our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory.
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Some of us come here worried and troubled.
Hear the good news: Christ is here.

Some of us come here fearful and afraid.
Hear the good news: Christ sends us the Advocate.

Some of us come here doubtful and confused:
Hear the good news: Christ gives us the Spirit of Truth.

Some of us come here weary of the world.
Hear the good news: Christ has given us his Peace.

Christ has ascended, but he hasn't left us orphaned.
The Holy Spirit is here. Let us worship God!

* HYMN 408 "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

O God, you promise to fill us with the Holy Spirit.

Yet, we often fill ourselves with other things:

worry, stress, expectations,
sweet things, salty things, numbing things,
distractions, dissociations, disagreements ...

Have we left room for your Life Breath?

We are so full, we feel bloated, but still we feel empty.

Forgive us, O God.

Open in us breathing space, and then breathe on us!

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Hymn 288 "Spirit of the Living God"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 1:6-8, 2:1-4, p. 884-885 (NT)

ANTHEM *Amazing Grace* John Newton

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 14:8-17, 25-27, p. 877-878 (NT)

SERMON "The Promise: Pentecost through John's Eyes, Part 1"

* HYMN 688 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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 peoples 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!"

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *How Great Thou Art* Carol Boberg
Dr. Barry Pate, Jr., Soloist

Doxology (Hymnal, back page)

Prayer of Dedication

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

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 God, we thank you...

Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us, saying:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Feast

Communion Music *Deep River* Traditional

We serve a gluten-free option alongside our regular bread, and our juice is non-fermented.

Prayer After Communion

Bold font indicates congregational participation.

* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* **HYMN 291** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward with your monthly 5-cents-a-meal offering to fight hunger, both here and throughout the world. Please place your cash or check in the soup can by the Communion Table.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Great Is the Lord* Michael W. Smith

END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



We light two candles in worship. The white candle reminds us of the presence of Christ's spirit in worship. The smaller candle is in a candle holder made by a member of our partner church, Iglesia El Divino Salvador in Guatemala, and it reminds us of our covenant with them.

Today's liturgist: Terri Carpenter
Today's greeters: Woody and Janet Ferrell
Today's ushers: Laura Brown and Kim Presley

Pentecost Offering Today

Today we will be receiving our denominations' annual Pentecost Offering, which provides hope for children at risk, opportunities for youth and young adults to grow in their faith, and short-term mission service options for young adults. New Hope retains 40% of the offering for a children's, youth, or young adult ministry of our choice.

Pentecost Luncheon Today after Worship

Today we will be celebrating Pentecost with the return to our fellowship luncheons downstairs in the Fellowship Hall! We have sorely missed this aspect of our life together over the last two years, so we are really looking forward to breaking bread together again. Ham and beverages will be provided, and we ask that you bring a side dish or dessert. There will also be a donation basket. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, June 12 are due to Administrator Erin May by noon on Wednesday, June 8.

Vax up or mask up: masking is now optional for those who are vaccinated.

Please stay away from church if you are sick, have any symptoms of illness, or have a known exposure to someone with COVID.

Praying for Guatemalan Families

Flor has traditionally been our cook whenever a delegation from New Hope goes to visit our Guatemalan community. We have enjoyed her food and hospitality. We especially delight in her tortillas which she makes fresh (starting from corn kernels) several times a day, after walking over in the morning to the local mill. Flor lives in the community with her husband, Anselmo, who is away a lot for work. They are the parents of 6 children, some of whom still live at home. Flor has also had some significant health issues but seems to be feeling better after some surgery. Several years ago their home crumbled after a series of terrible storms, but with the help of the community and some funding from New Hope, they were able to rebuild their home, and we were able to see the "before" and "after" on two successive trips. Please pray for Flor's continued health, Anselmo's work and travel, and the well-being of their children.



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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Pentecost Sunday
June 5, 2022
11 o'clock



"The Promise"
Pentecost through John's Eyes, Part 1



"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you." (John 14:25-26)