

**Day of Pentecost  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
10:00 a.m.**

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Seasonal Color: Red

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Komm Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist, BWV 631 J. S. Bach

*(Please stand in body or spirit and let us join together in the Call to Worship)*

\*Call to Worship Psalm 104

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

May my meditation be pleasing to you, O God, for I rejoice in the Lord.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

Let us worship God!

\*Prayer of Praise and Adoration

**We sing psalms of adoration, O God; we gather in praise of your name. You send your Spirit into our midst filling us with the promise of new life. We are aglow with the light that Christ shines on the new day, dispelling the darkness of the night that has passed. Be among us to gather our words of devotion and be in us as we seek to obey your will. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us” GTG #280  
(Wind socks representing coming of Holy Spirit – Youth & Young Disciples)

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GRACE**

Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**With new life all about us, O God, we still cling to old ways. In spite of your promises we seek self-assurance. You send the Holy Spirit to enliven our existence. The darkness of doubt dispels the new light the Spirit brings. We are afraid to admit what it might mean if we surrendered our selves. So we continue to pursue our flights of fancy, and pretend that we can go it alone. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Congregational Response: “Glory Be to the Father” GTG #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

**WE RECEIVE GOD’S WORD**

Prayer of Illumination

**Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

First Lesson: John 20:19-23

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Anthem: “Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me” arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;  
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ’s sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;  
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
Help me now thy pow’r to see, I would be like thee;  
‘Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;  
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Sparks

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

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Sermon: “It’s All New!”

David Roquemore

Hymn: “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

GTG #291

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by The Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory: “Improvisation on Veni Creator Spiritus”

Brandon Burns

Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

GTG # 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**WE ARE SEALED IN GOD’S GRACE**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING...

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!**

*(The prayer continues, ending with "who forever sing to the glory of your name." Congregation joins in singing the Sanctus, GTG # 562)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

*(The prayer continues until "Great is the mystery of Faith." Congregation joins in singing: 'Christ Has Died; Christ Has Risen' GTG # 563)*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

... 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.**

*(After the Lord's Prayer, congregation join in singing 'Amen' GTG # 564)*

**Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(Please come forward to receive the communion elements. An Elder will give you a piece of bread. Take a cup from the tray (red cups contain wine and clear cups contain juice).*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: The Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace, your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Amen.**

**WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

\*Closing Hymn: “Baptized in Water”

GTG # 482

\*Benediction

\*Postlude:

“Veni Creator Spiritus: Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux” Nicholas de Grigny

Lay Leader this morning is Ray Rhinehart.

Elder on Call this week is Randy Miller.

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1. You are in God's House. We want you to feel God's presence.
2. All around you are Christian people. They will want to shake your hand and greet you in the name of Christ. Won't you meet them with a friendly smile? We would not have you leave this place without a warm welcome and a feeling that you want to come back.
3. Please sign the Friendship Book.
4. Those interested in membership information or who desire to join are asked to speak to David Roquemore, Pastor, call the church office, or check the Friendship Book.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** (10:00am) Worship bags for children are located in the entryway. In addition, children (ages 3 yrs. old – 2nd grade) are welcome to stay with their families for the entire service, or they may attend B.L.A.S.T. Children's Church following the *Time for Young Disciples*, when children will be led from the Sanctuary to our Children's Church room and they will return to the sanctuary before the closing hymn.

**THE PEACE CANDLE:** The smaller, glass candle on the Communion table is a *peace candle*, and here is the candle's story and meaning.

In 1986, a group of Americans attended a Russian Orthodox worship service. At the close of the service, an elderly woman pressed a three-ruble note into the hand of a Presbyterian pastor (only about \$5 in American dollars, but a significant gift for this elderly woman). The woman asked him to buy a *candle* with it, and light that candle in his church as a symbol for *peace*. That Presbyterian pastor purchased a *candle* with the money, placed it on the Communion table in his sanctuary, and lit it during each worship service. Then the church bought other candles, in glass containers, and sent them to other churches with the request that they be lit during their worship services, as a symbol of our common hope for *peace*.

These *peace candles* have since spread across our world and across denominations. Our congregation received our *peace candle* on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. And, we have shared a *candle* with our sister church of El Redentor in Guatemala. Together with sisters and brothers in Guatemala and around the world, we light our candles every time we worship to remind us to pray for peace in our lives, in our communities, and in our world.

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### Class of 2023

Brenda Eckard (5)  
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Suzanne Rhinehart (2)  
Randy Williams (4)

### Class of 2024

Gary McDougal (1)  
Charles Moody (3)  
Amy Owensby (1)  
Amy Yenderusiak(3)

### Class of 2025

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David McCart (3)  
Mimi Michael (4)  
Randy Miller (4)

(1) Council on Discipleship

(2) Council on Caring

(3) Council on Administration

(4) Council on Sharing

(5) Council on Praise

Suzanne Rhinehart - Clerk of Session

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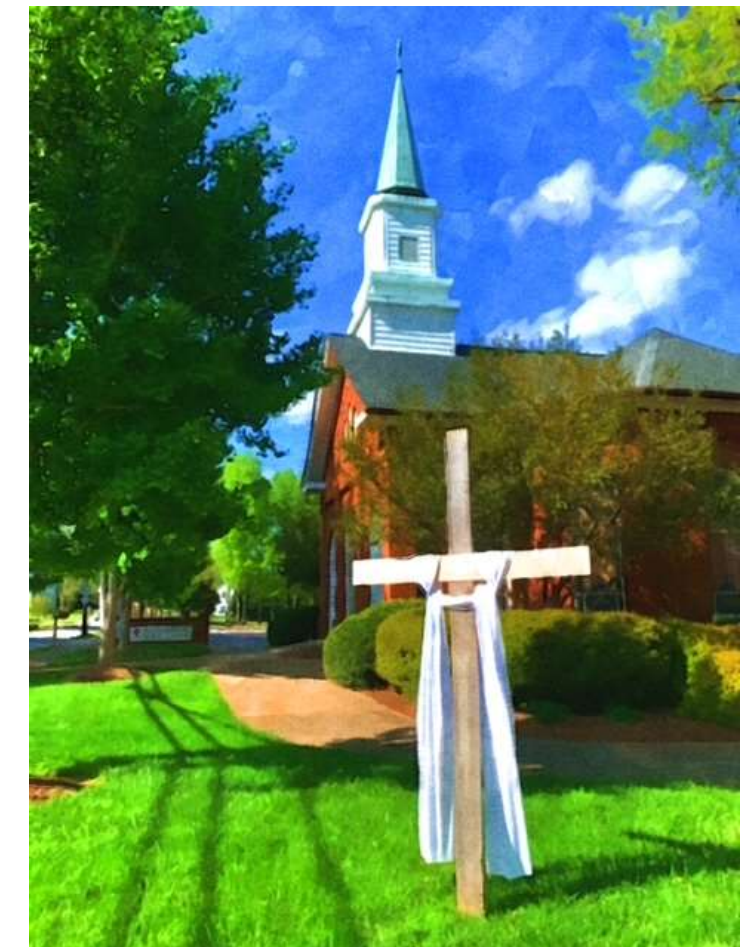
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*Following Christ together in witness, love and service.*