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“In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit...”
– Ephesians 1:13

May 31, 2020	Pentecost Sunday	10:40 a.m.
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"And it will come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh."

Welcome and Call to Worship		
Prelude	Christians, We Have Met to Worship Mr. David German, piano	arr. Hayes
Pentecost Reading		Acts 2:1–12
Readers:	Wendy Wilson, v. 1–2 (Spanish) Robert Pennekamp, v. 3–4 (Dutch) Hannah Park, v. 5–6 (Korean) Lee Ziady, v. 7–8 (Arabic) Susan Ann Clark, v. 9–10 (French) Heath Cross, v. 11–12 (English)	

"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.' ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'"

* Hymn	O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing	AZMON
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**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.**

**Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ’tis life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the pow’r of reigning sin, He sets the pris’ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.**

**He speaks, and list’ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.**

**Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen’d tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.**

* Prayer of Adoration

"And when He comes He will convict the world concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment."

New Testament Lesson	Ephesians 2:1–10
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!	

General Prayer of Confession
Gracious God our Father, please forgive our many sins. We have so often wandered from Your ways and wasted Your gifts. Have mercy upon us and pardon our iniquities. Holy Father, lavish Your love upon us again. Holy Son, wash our scarlet sins whiter than snow in Your precious blood. Holy Spirit, fall afresh on us; create in us clean hearts and renew right spirits within us, for Jesus' sake, and in His name we pray. Amen.


Silent Prayers of Confession

Prayer of Intercession

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon	Pastor Heath Cross
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* Hymn	Holy Spirit	Getty
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"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..."

God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory	Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart	arr. Innes
Mr. David German, piano, and Ms. Lisa Barry, organ		

"When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth..."

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson	Matthew 25:14–30
All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.	

Sermon	The Best Words We Will Ever Hear	Pastor Jim Bachmann
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Prayer of Supplication

* Hymn	O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us	SPIRITUS VITAE
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**O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
Revive Your church with life and pow’r;
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
And fit Your church to meet this hour.**

**O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
Till humbly we confess our need;
Then in Your tenderness remake us,
Revive, restore, for this we plead.**

**O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
Renewing thought and will and heart;
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
Revive Your church in every part.**

**O Heart of Christ, once broken for us,
’Tis there we find our strength and rest;
Our broken, contrite hearts now solace,
And let Your waiting church be blest.**

**Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
While harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
Equip Your church to spread the light.**

* Benediction

* Postlude	Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire	Held
Ms. Lisa Barry, organ		

* congregation standing

– ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Greetings: We welcome you to our time of worship this morning! This is Phase 1 of our re-opening. Please avoid handshakes and practice social distancing inside our facility. In the very near future we hope to resume serving communion and offering a full range of Sunday School classes. Until then our Sunday School classes are available by Zoom. We welcome all who are visiting today and those who are watching by livestream.

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to Stephen Meade on the passing of his twin brother, Mark, on May 15.



Starting Point: Visitors are invited to join Pastor Jim for a six-week Sunday School series designed to address the basic doctrine and philosophy of our church. Your questions and inquiries are most welcome! Details regarding the class are forthcoming. The class will meet in the conference area of the office suite.

Elders' Meeting: Our next Elders meeting will take place on Sunday, June 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the office conference area.



Now Accepting Donations: SVC Women's Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Women's and Children's clothing sale on Saturday, August 8, 2020. We are in need of good condition women's clothing (all ages and sizes) and children's clothing (boys and girls). We can now begin accepting your donations! Please contact Rebecca Moore (rnm51007@gmail.com or 423-313-3783) to coordinate a drop off day/time.

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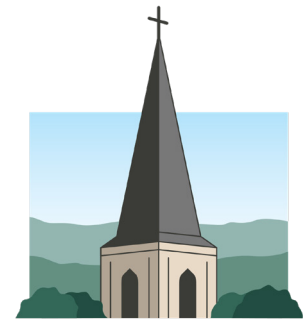
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