



"Pentecost"
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD
PENTECOST SUNDAY
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ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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Had the Spirit made all the listeners understand the language of the apostles, we would be justified in a centripetal understanding of mission, one in which all who come in are expected to be like those who invite them. However, because what the Spirit did was exactly the opposite, this leads us to a centrifugal understanding of mission, one in which as the gospel moves toward new languages and new cultures, it is ready to take forms that are understandable within those languages and cultures. In other words, had there been an "Aramaic only" movement in first-century Palestine, Pentecost was a resounding no!
— Justo Gonzalez

Gathering Music

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

"Spirit of God, Descend"

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

* Call to Worship

Shane Schenkel

Leader: How manifold are your works, O Lord!

People: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: You send forth your spirit, and they are created;

People: and so you renew the face of the earth.

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

People: I will praise my God while I have my being.

* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 228)

"A Rushing, Mighty Wind"

FESTAL SONG

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

* Responding in Peace CONGR 225 vs 1)

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

ST. THEODULPH

* New Testament Reading

Rev. Cristina Adams

Acts 2.1-4

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Responding in Peace (CONGR 225 vs 4)

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

ST. THEODULPH

** In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

Unison Discipline of Confession

Without your power, O God, we are lost. We have done the things we would avoid, and what you desire, we have not done. By your purifying fire transform our lives; guide us into honesty and compassion so that filled with your peace our dreams and visions may be one with yours.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. By the power in whom we live and move and have our being, I pronounce to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins, through the holy Trinity, one God, whose mercy is everlasting.

Morning Prayer and 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

"Be Thou My Vision"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those attending children's church may leave now)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

New Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
Galatians 5.16-26

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"The Road to the Church: A Pentecostal Journey"

* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 226)

"Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow"
ABERYSTWYTH

* Life of the Church

* Benediction

The flowers on the altar today are given for the greater glory of God.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

Assoc. Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families: Rev. Cristina Adams

Liturgist: Shane Schenkel

Organist & Accompanist: Evelyn Falen • Vocal Soloist: Reed Schenkel

Livestream Video Crew: Joanna Gillette, Brenda Schenkel • Sound: Glenn Prescott

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Jenny Purvis

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Jerrod H. Huguenot, serving the American

Baptist Churches of New York State

International Ministries Global Servants: Aaron & AmyEstelle Trout, serving in Southeast Asia & Japan

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