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Pentecost Sunday

Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:

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**Service for the Lord's Day**

*Words of Welcome & Announcements*

*Call to Worship*

*Suzanne Baybo*

One: No Pentecost displays of doves and flames, yet this is still the day we celebrate Grace's breath shattering the shutters of our hearts.

**Many: On this day, though we're home and apart may we let the Spirit of new life breathe upon us!**

One: From backyards and living rooms, we gather proclaiming that we are God's Pentecost.

**Many: On this day, we would touch (virtually) all who remain sheltered in place, safe in God's grace.**

One: In the days to come, we will continue to speak of God's love and the Spirit's peace for all.

**Many: So that even apart, people know they are not alone, so when that day comes, and it will, all will find the welcome of an embodied community.**

*Hymn*

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining

In the midst of the darkness, shining

Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us

Set us free by the truth you now bring us

Shine on me, shine on me Shine, Jesus, shine

2 Fill this land with the Father's glory

Blaze, Spirit, blaze Set our hearts on fire Flow, river, flow Flood the nations with grace and mercy Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light

3 Lord, I come to your awesome presence

From the shadows into your radiance By the blood I may enter your brightness Search me, try me, consume all my darkness Shine on me, shine on me

4 As we gaze on your kingly brightness

So our faces display your likeness Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here may our lives tell your story Shine on me, shine on me

*Unison Prayer for Forgiveness*

*Suzanne Baybo*

O Pentecost's Spirit – if only we could tell of your wonders in our lives, yet so much communication is filled with anger, bitterness, and political arguments. If only we could share how you have transformed our lives, but we are stuck in our living spaces, needing to distance from what is seeking to do us harm. If only we

could pour you out on all those who are lonely, and afraid, and worried about tomorrow, but our love for others requires us to stay apart. Even in the closed rooms of our hearts, even with our shuttered souls, you continue to move, to live, to breathe upon us with your mercy and your grace, God of this day. In the days to come, continue to breathe your love upon us, and an uncaring world, so that we might transform grudges into generosity, foolishness into common sense, and rejection into being as welcoming as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

*Let us confess our individual sins in silence. Amen.*

### ***Assurance of Pardon***

***Response***            *Have Thine Own Way," verse 1*

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after thy will,

while I am waiting, yielded and still.

### ***Passing the Peace***

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: and also with you.

### ***Conversation with Children of God***

You are a beloved child of God. With you God is well pleased.

### ***Scripture***

*Psalm 104:31-35b*

31 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; may the Lord rejoice in his works— 32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. 33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. 34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. 35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

*Acts 2:1-21*

1When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, 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, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' 13But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

### ***Sermon***

Rev. Kathleen Henrion

### ***Hymn***

*"In Christ There is No East or West"*

1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.  
2 In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;

his service is the golden cord  
close-binding humankind.  
3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west;  
in him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

***Affirmation of Faith***

***Suzanne Baybo***

*Inspired by the Heidelberg Catechism*

In life and death, my comfort is rooted in belonging, with every fiber of my being, seen and unseen, to my savior Jesus Christ. I am never alone, but carried by Christ, who selflessly offered all that he was to compensate for all that I've failed to be. God's desires for me, and for all, are woven into every action of this world, voluntary and involuntary, to reveal beauty beyond the surface of pain and hope to tether all sorrow. In my belonging, I find peace in what is and conviction for what can be through God's presence in my life.

***Offering***

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***Response of Praise***

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" verse 1*

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!



*Prayer of Dedication:* Generous Spirit, blow the dust off our material gifts we think are so paltry, so we might realize how they can bring hope and life to others. Blow the dust off our mistaken views of others, so we might see them as our siblings, ready to grace us, even as we may bless them with these offerings. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Prayers of the People 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.

*Hymn*

*"Everytime I Feel the Spirit"*

Refrain: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

1 Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.

Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Refrain: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

2 Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul.

There is but one train upon this track. It runs to heaven and then right back.

Refrain: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

*Charge and Benediction*

Liturgy from Thom M. Shuman: [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)

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