

June 5, 2022  
 Worship Series: To Be or Not to Be (the Church)  
 Message: The Church of Pentecost

Prelude *Revelation Song with Holy, Holy, Holy* Bells of Praise

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Call to Worship

Pastor: The Spirit descends like a dove,  
 bringing peace to unite the world  
 in a just and caring community.

**People: The Spirit comes like a breath,  
 bringing life to renew the people of God.**

Pastor: The Spirit spreads like fire,  
 bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

**People: Spirit of the living God,  
 come to us and transform our lives by Your power.**

Hymn *O Spirit of the Living God* UMH #539

Opening Prayer Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: God of wind and flame,  
 on this day of Pentecost,  
 blow into our lives with Your Holy Spirit.  
 Prepare us for the journey of faith  
 by setting our hearts on fire with love;  
 by blowing away our fears and doubts;  
 and by breathing into us  
 the joy and hope of the resurrected Christ.  
 Build us up as Your church  
 and embolden us to be Pentecost People. AMEN.**

Children's Message Linda Biscardo

Prayers of the People Sarah Chambers



Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Eternal Father:

When nothing existed but chaos,  
you swept across the dark waters  
and brought forth light.

In the days of Noah

you saved those on the ark through water.

After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt,  
you led them to freedom through the sea.

Their children you brought through the Jordan  
to the land which you promised.

**People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

**Tell of God's mercy each day.**

Pastor: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus,  
nurtured in the water of a womb.  
He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.  
He called his disciples  
to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection  
and to make disciples of all nations.  
**People: Declare Christ's works to the nations,  
his glory among all the people.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
to bless this gift of water and those who receive it,  
to wash away their sin  
and clothe them in righteousness  
throughout their lives,  
that, dying and being raised with Christ,  
they may share in his final victory.  
**People: All praise to you, Eternal Father,  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
lives and reigns forever. AMEN.**

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend Mira and Sophia to your  
love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and  
perfect them in love.

**People: We give thanks for all God has already given you  
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation  
of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to  
participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our  
gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ.**

Invitation to Communion

Sarah Chambers

Leader: To this table, Christ welcomes all. You who are weighted down by fear, by  
anger, or by shame: Christ invites you to take your place. For this is Christ's table,  
set and prepared to receive you as you are, and in love, send you forward into who  
and what God is calling you to become.

Come, beloved. Come unhindered. Lay down what distances you from God.  
Confess it before the One who already knows, that you may be set freer for joyful  
obedience. And together we pray,

**People:**

**God of majesty and power,**

**We tremble when we become aware of who You are,  
as we seek to see more of who You made us.**

**We confess that we prefer what has always been,  
rather than step out in faith to what You have for us.**

**We admit our resistance to Your Spirit, given so freely.**

**We acknowledge our misuse of Your gifts to us.**

**We prefer our divisions to Your unity.**

**Forgive us, O God, that we might forgive.**

**Draw us back into true relationship with You, and with one another. AMEN.**

Assurance and Pardon

Leader: God has reached out to us once again,  
offering salvation, making us whole,  
drawing us into community  
where life is integrated and filled with meaning.

The Spirit comes to us,  
making the commonplace, holy.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven,

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH #17

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .

And so, we Your people on earth  
and with all the company of heaven

praise Your name and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**  
**heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes**  
**in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are You . . . And so, in remembrance  
of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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 trespasses**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation,**  
**But deliver us from evil.**  
**For Thine is the kingdom,**  
**and the power and the glory. Forever. AMEN.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer Following Communion**  
**Eternal God,**  
**we give You thanks for this holy mystery**  
**in which You have given Yourself to us.**  
**Grant that we may go into the world**  
**in the strength of Your Spirit,**  
**to give ourselves to others**  
**in the name our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

Hymn	<i>Surely the Presence of the Lord</i> (sung twice)	UMH #328
Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	June Shuffett