PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 21, 2023

#### Theme: Guided by the Gift of the Holy Spirit

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you."

John 14:26

## GATHERING

Prelude: "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life" Anna Laura Page

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: The disciples had done many things wrong, but now they had done something right:

People: They had taken their risen Lord at his word and had waited, just waited, for the gift of the Spirit.

Leader: Today we celebrate that gift -- the gift of God's Spirit, the gift of power to the church being born.

People: They were all together, like they were supposed to be, in one place and of one expectant mind.

Leader: We long for the same power, O God, to give wings to our words and courage for matching deeds.

People: Let us take the gospel with us, out of the church, into the marketplace, as witnesses both to your judgment and to your grace.

Leader: Today help us to hear the story of Pentecost as if for the first time;

People: And help us so to tell it to others, that they may be irresistibly attracted to our Lord Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

\*Hymn: 279 - "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" (see download)

\*Prayer of the Day

Ah, Spirit of Flame and Fire, reign down upon us the energizing power we need for the work of the church in today's times. On this day, we remember gathered followers and believers who were enthralled by the varied voices they heard, yet all understanding a common voice. We thank you for your constant comings to embolden us for the tasks ahead. Sometimes when we pray for your coming, we

expect the least, yet receive the most. Keep coming to us Lord, for we often get too busy, too harried, too preoccupied with the often overwhelming demands of everyday living to feel the fresh, new winds of your Spirit. So keep coming, Holy Spirit. We desperately need what you offer. We urgently need your love, your strength, your promise of new beginnings. We need your comforting, guiding presence anew in our daily living. Come, great Spirit. Come now! we pray, AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

\*Response: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem "As the Wind Song" (GTG #292)

Children's Message

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21, John 7:37-39 and 20:19-23

Sermon: "Faith on Fire"

\*Hymn: #288 "Spirit of the Living God" (sing twice) (see download)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Great gifts, we give You our gifts today knowing You are the Giver of all good and perfect of things. You are constantly providing for us, caring for us, protecting us, often in ways we do not see. As we have been abundantly provided for, so we give abundantly to the work that You give us to do, the work of the church, the care for those who are poor and searching. Accept these gifts in Jesus' name, for Your glory. AMEN

#### Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Greet your near neighbor)

\*Hymn: #688 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" (see download)

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Go forth, blessed, gifted, and renewed by the Holy Spirit.

People: Go forth with strength wisdom, and courage.

Leader: Go forth abundantly filled with hope,

People: knowing that our lives and gifts are transforming the earth.

Leader: Go forth

People: knowing that the Holy Spirit goes with us as comforter, guide,

companion, and trailblazer. Amen.

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "An Irish Blessing: God Be on Your Road Every Way You Go"

Brian Glyncannon

The postlude provides a blessing for all who will be traveling during these summer months.

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

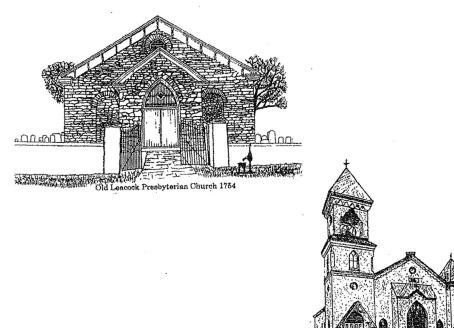
#### PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER PERSON THIS WEEK: Ruth Anne Appel

The Sanctuary Flowers today are in Loving Memory of my mother Ann Simala Given by Dave and Carol Berkhimer & Family

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