

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1000 Douglas Avenue, PO Box 37,
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May 31, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PENTECOST!

MEDITATION – *Christians have no business thinking that the good life consists mainly in not doing bad things. We have no business thinking that to do evil in this world you have to be a Bengal tiger, when, in fact, it is enough to be a tame tabby—a nice person but not a good one. In short, Pentecost makes it clear that nothing is so fatal to Christianity as indifference.* --William Sloane Coffin

WE GATHER TOGETHER

WELCOME

Rev. Katie Palmer

PRELUDE

Em Krall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Denice Spicer

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Let us make a commitment during this time to call someone today,
visit with them, and wish them the peace of Christ.*

CALL TO WORSHIP – Acts 2:1-4 (*During the Call to Worship, please wave your Pentecost banner!*)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

*Join together now in saying the simplest of greetings—Hello, how are you?—
in as many or as few languages as you might know, including English.
Repeat several times as we listen to the beautiful cacophony of human diversity
and seek a way to understand one another, beyond language, beyond difference.*

Friends, this is the day of Pentecost, when we remember that we are blessed with gifts of the Holy Spirit. Let us worship God!

OPENING HYMN, *Spirit of the Living God* (GTG #288)

OPENING PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

SERMON: *The Spirit Dimension of God*

Rev. Katie Palmer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

RESPONSE TO THE WORD: *Veni Creator*, a poem by Czeslaw Milosz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S SUPPER

During the last supper, Jesus took common food and drink and showed us that ordinary elements can become holy reminders of Jesus. So you can use a bite and a sip of anything you have to participate in communion – a cookie and juice, a piece of tortilla and coffee, a bite of orange and water. We trust they will be Christ for and with you.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

INSTITUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Please join the pastor in lifting your "bread" and "cup" at the appropriate time

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

***CLOSING HYMN,** *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* (GTG #287)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today.

Today is Pentecost Sunday - the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit entering all of us with new life, new energy and new creativity. It seems appropriate that the PCUSA Pentecost Offering is dedicated to children and youth. In particular, 25% of that offering supports the Young Adult Volunteers (YAV) program; 25% supports ministries that inspire and guide youth as they grow and walk with Christ; and 10% supports advocacy for children at risk. The remaining 40% of the offering remains here where the Mission and Peacemaking Committee will determine how to use it for children and youth programs in Las Vegas. You can donate by notating Pentecost Offering on the memo line of your check OR you can donate online at the church website - lvpresbyterian.org. Thank you for your generosity as we help the larger church make a difference for children and youth.

Let's share something about our experience with each other! This week, please share a photo of something flame-colored. Let's see lots of red, orange and yellow on our Facebook page to recognize the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost! It could be something in your home or yard or something you see on a walk or other outing. We'll post an invitation encouraging you to share your photo; please display your photo in the "Comments" section.

Sunday Class –We are now discussing the book *The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers: Spiritual Insights from the World's Most Beloved Neighbor* by Amy Hollingsworth. The reading assignment for June 7 is chapters 3 and 4. Class is on the same Zoom link as the worship service **at 9:15** instead of 9:30.

Samaritan House Food Donations: June - Flour and Sugar - Coffee and Tea are always appreciated. Please drop your donations off at Samaritan House.

Prayers for the Church Family - Please pray for Carol & Peter Linder, Carol & Ken Litherland, Christina Litherland and Nicky Litherland as well as Aztec Presbyterian Church, Aztec NM (1889). These names remind us to pray for each other and for those in our Presbytery.

Church Office closed to the public, but calls and emails will be answered

Hours: Monday -Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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