

White Memorial Presbyterian Church

The Service for the Lord's Day

Pentecost Sunday

Liturgical Color – Red

May 31, 2020

10:30 AM

The Church Gathers

Prayer for Preparation: *Spirit of God, source of life, refresh my spirit, reshape my desire, and re-create my heart, that I may show forth your enduring glory; through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

(Please observe a moment of silent reflection)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

One: Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

All: Alleluia!

One: Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

All: Alleluia!

One: Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

All: Alleluia! **Thanks be to God.**

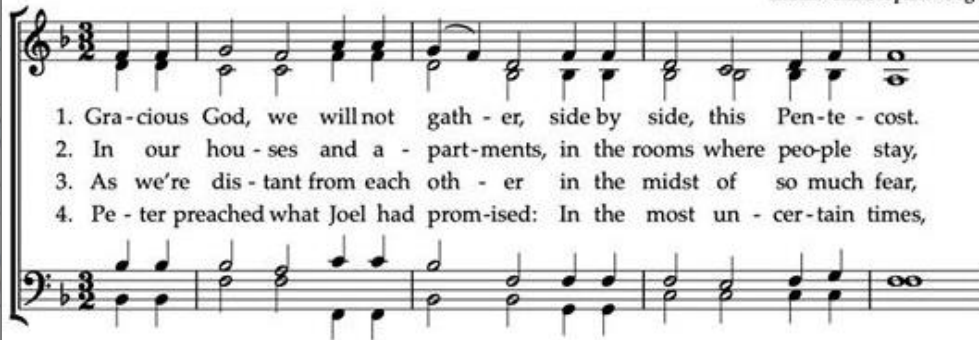
Hymn: *Gracious God, We Will Not Gather* Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

(This hymn was requested by Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar, Resident Bishop of the Boston Area of the United Methodist Church. It is inspired by a prayer he wrote for Pentecost, 2020.)

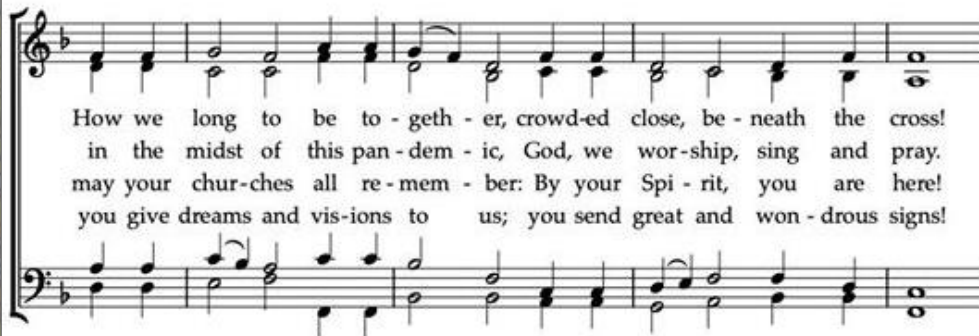
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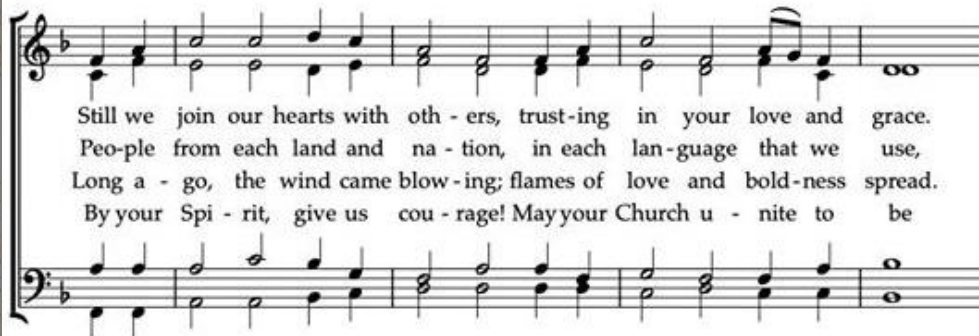
Beach Spring, attr. B. F. White;
harm. Christopher Gage



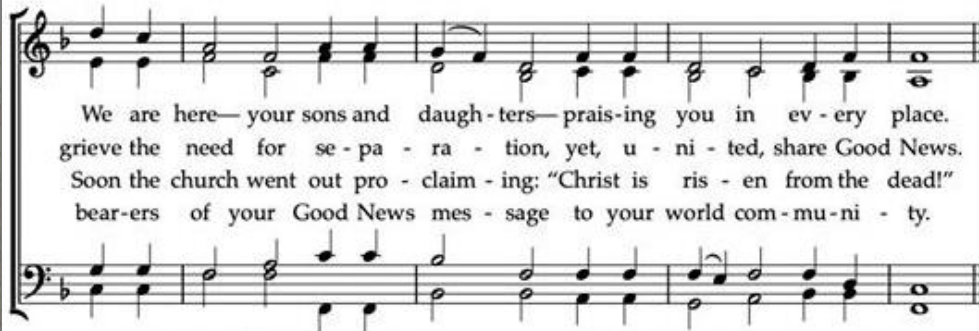
1. Gra-cious God, we will not gath - er, side by side, this Pen-te - cost.
2. In our hou - ses and a - part-ments, in the rooms where peo-ple stay,
3. As we're dis - tant from each oth - er in the midst of so much fear,
4. Pe - ter preached what Joel had prom-ised: In the most un - cer-tain times,



How we long to be to - geth - er, crowd-ed close, be - neath the cross!
in the midst of this pan - dem - ic, God, we wor-ship, sing and pray.
may your chur-ches all re - mem - ber: By your Spi - rit, you are here!
you give dreams and vis-ions to us; you send great and won - drous signs!



Still we join our hearts with oth - ers, trust-ing in your love and grace.
Peo-ple from each land and na - tion, in each lan-guage that we use,
Long a - go, the wind came blow-ing; flames of love and bold-ness spread.
By your Spi - rit, give us cou - rage! May your Church u - nite to be



We are here— your sons and daugh - ters—prais-ing you in ev - ery place.
grieve the need for se - pa - ra - tion, yet, u - ni - ted, share Good News.
Soon the church went out pro - claim - ing: "Christ is ris - en from the dead!"
bear-ers of your Good News mes - sage to your world com - mu - ni - ty.

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Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Acts 2:21

Prayer of Confession

Ps. 104:24–28

All: God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. Amen. (Please observe a moment of silent confession).

Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life.

All: Thanks be to God!

A Time with Young Disciples

Hearing God's Word

Prayer of Illumination:

Acts 2:11

All: Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your Word with understanding and answer your call with confidence. Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13;

Acts 2:1-21

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon:

"Fire Rested on Each of Them"

Rev. Ed Johnson

Responding to the Faith

Hymn of Response:

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

#407

Sharing of Joys and Concerns
Prayers of the People

We Gather At Our Lord's Table

Hymn

Spirit of the Living God

#288

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

**All: 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.

One: Holy are you, indeed, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son.....

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

One: Send your Holy Spirit upon us.....

The Words of Institution

Communion

Prayer after Communion

All: Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Going Out in God's Name

Hymn of Commitment:

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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The Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Prayer Concerns: Pam Denning; Forest Johnson; Ted and Linda Penny and her sister, Lil; family of Michelle Hare; Krista Stuttgart; Mann Johnson; Gladys Turner; Judy Johnson; Jack Reid; Frances Underwood; Paula Alford; Ann Garrett; Troy Byrd; Larry Bell; Angela Byrd; Judy Morris; Don Wright; Connie Montgomery; Kaylan King; ; Ann Johnson; Terri DeMaeyer

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Remembering God's Grace, the mission of
White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Willow Spring is:
Come to be joyous and thoughtful in worship;
Walk with God's guidance into deeper faith and knowledge;
Stretch out to the needy with tangible acts of service;
Be loving and generous with time, talents and treasures;
Go out into the world to welcome and invite.

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