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Pentecost Sunday

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**
PRELUDE Darius Bennett, clarinet



Today's sanctuary flowers are lovingly placed by Souheil & Alejandra Haddad memory of their dear friend Nancy .

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 1) Deacon Michelle Heitink, liturgist

Liturgist: God declares: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.

People: Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. The young shall see visions.

Liturgist: The elders shall dream dreams. Both men and women shall prophesy.

People: And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

***Opening Hymn** *On Pentecost They Gathered* #129

PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)



Liturgist: We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but have received a spirit of adoption into Christ's body of love. In this hope and promise, let us share signs of peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: The peace of Christ be with you always.

MUSIC for MEDITATION

Darius Bennett, clarinet

Call to Confession (Liturgist)

God's Spirit has gathered us for worship. Let us confess our sins and return to God.

Prayer of Confession (in unison with Liturgist)

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kingdom to come. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Acts 2:21)

Liturgist: Hear the good news: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed.

People: Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Liturgist)

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

First Reading: *Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14* (Pew Bible p.664; Large Print p.828) – Liturgist

Second Reading: *Romans 8: 22-27* (Pew Bible p.862; Large Print p.1740) – Liturgist

Third Reading: *Acts 2: 1-2* (Pew Bible p.831; Large Print p.1339) – Pastor

Pastor: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON *What Does this Mean??* Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

Hymn: *Wind, Who Makes All Winds That Blow* #132

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—** from A Brief Statement of Faith (lines 1-6, 52-57, 65-76)

Pastor: In life and in death we belong to God.

People: **Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

Pastor: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

People: **The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

Pastor: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

People: **In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

Litany for Pentecost

Pastor: Maker of all things, in the beginning, you created heaven and earth. In the fullness of time, you restored all things in Christ. Renew our world, in this day, with your grace and mercy.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Life of the world, you breathed life into the flesh you created. Now, by your Spirit, breathe new life into the children of earth. Turn hatred into love, sorrow into joy, and war into peace.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lover of concord, you desire the unity of all Christians. Set aflame the whole church with the fire of your Spirit. Unite us to stand in the world as a sign of your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of compassion, through your Spirit you supply every human need. Heal the sick, and comfort the distressed. Befriend the friendless, and help the helpless.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Source of peace, your Spirit restores our anxious spirits. In our labor, give us rest; in our temptation, strength; in our sadness, consolation.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Rain upon our dry and dusty lives. Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits. Kindle within us the fire of your love to burn away our apathy. With your warmth bend our rigidity, and guide our wandering feet; through Christ our Lord we pray. Hear us now as we pray the prayer Christ taught us:

Unison: 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.

Call for the Offering

God's Spirit is among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

Receiving of the PC(USA) Pentecost Offering

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

Darius Bennett, clarinet

**Doxology* #592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

***Closing Hymn** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* #315

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE *Vivace* from Op. 120, No. 1–J. Brahms

Darius Bennett, clarinet Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

Anita Stepherson invites all to help her Mom, Sue Lorimer, celebrate her 86th with cake and fellowship immediately after this service in Fellowship Hall.

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

The family of Sydney and Jesse McBride as they mourn the loss of infant Elliott McBride

Kathleen Olds Rev. David Rosen Anita Steverson Roby Lorimer

His Eyes Mission in Honduras Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda

The people of Nigeria, Georgia, Ukraine and Middle East

Our military men and women around the world