

Welcome, friends, from far and near. Let us worship God who is surely here. Let us pray, sing, share the Word and give; then let us joyfully go into God's world to live. \*Please indicate your desires for visitation, or

information about joining Celebration Church on the Ritual of Friendship Pad. \*Prayer cards are provided for sharing your joys and concerns. Please write your prayer request on the back of a prayer card and write your name on the front and the ushers will collect the cards.

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, June 4, 2017

**PENTECOST** 

Day of Pentecost

#### THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

Christopher Wright

Lighting the Christ Candle and Chiming the Hour

\*Hymn No. 288 (2 x)

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you. Greeting

Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Prayer Cards, Announcements and Opening Prayer

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ The Peace of Christ be with You. And also with you! (Please exchange signs of Christ's peace with those near you.)

## TO WORSHIP THE LORD OUR GOD

\*Responsive Call to Worship for Pentecost (inspired by Acts 2:1-13)

Liturgist: Kathy Wechter

Come, sing a new song of worship. Come, sing a new song of praise.

Today is a day of a promise fulfilled. With joy we celebrate Pentecost.

Pentecost – a day when power and comfort flowed. **Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration.** A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory and the glory was given to the people.

The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us. Sing praises! We sing God's praises, indeed!

\*Hvmn No. 292

As the Wind Song

WAIRUA TAPU

Call to Confession Liturgist: Kathy Wechter

Friends, we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The good news is that with God, grace abounds and forgiveness is real to all who confess. Let us confess our sins collectively and then personally.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, the gift of Jesus' life in us is visible in the way we witness to the fruitfulness of that gift. We know that the fruit of the Spirit consists of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Yet, so often we put conditions on our love and joy and peace are difficult to discern when our words and actions deny their presence. By desiring instant results to most things these days, we confess that we forget what it's like to be patient. We find ourselves neglecting the needs of others because we run out of time to be kind to anyone other than ourselves. When we persistently make self-centered decisions rather than Christ-centered ones, our understanding of your goodness and faithfulness is weakened and our discipleship lacks credibility. In this aggressive world, it's easy to believe one can't get anywhere by exercising a spirit of gentleness or even self-control. Gracious and merciful God, grant us your forgiveness and your love so that we may truly care for one another. Refresh and renew us with the Holy Spirit so that we are fruitful and vital disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Kathy Wechter Those who are in Christ are a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has

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become new! All this is from God with whom we have been reconciled through Christ. (2 Cor. 5:17-18) Friends, hear the good news and believe it: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God

\*Gloria Patri Hymn No. 581

The children are invited to join the Ms. Carol on the steps

Time With Young Disciples

Children's Church follows in Room 5

## TO WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND SHARED STEWARDSHIP

Prayers of the People – Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer ("debts and debtors")

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Offertory

You Sent Your Holy Spirit Celebration Choir

\*Doxology Hymn No. 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication Loving Father, you quench our spiritual and emotional thirst through the life-giving love of your son, Jesus Christ. This Pentecost, we immerse ourselves in the river of living water, your Holy Spirit. Receive and multiply our gifts so that all people may experience the security of your ever-lasting love. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### TO WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD. SHARED WITNESS AND SACRAMENT

Acts 2:1-4, 37-47 Scripture

NRSV

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Pentecost is HERE! Sermon Tom Dendy

#### **Celebration of Holy Communion**

Hymn before Communion No. 501

Feed Us. Lord

FEED US

Invitation to the Lord's Table / Words of Institution / Prayer of Consecration and Preparation Sharing the Bread and Cup (Distribution by Elders, please hold until all have been served)

Unison Prayer after 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 share our saltiness and shine our reflection of Your Light for others. In Jesus name, Amen.

#### AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

Though I May Speak

Tom Dendy GIFT OF LOVE

\*Closing Hymn No. 693

Christopher Wright

(\*If able, please stand at these points in the service.)

# WELCOME TO CELEBRATION

OUR MISSION is to Proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior. Praise and Worship God, Prepare our hearts to share God's Word, and Provide Love and Service to ALL!

> OUR PURPOSE is to Celebrate God's Glory by Reaching, Teaching, and Sending People to Love and Serve the Lord.

# JOIN US AT CELEBRATION

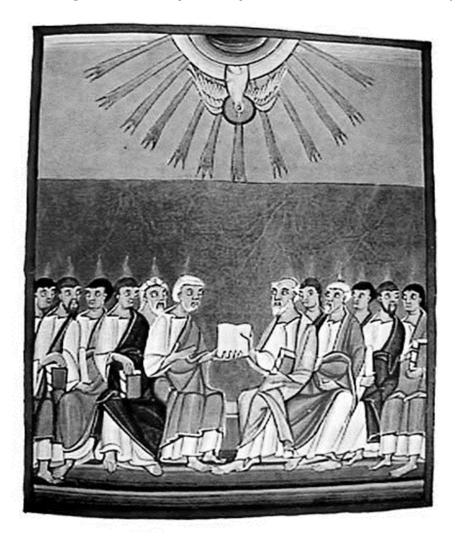
We are Christ followers who are open, accepting, loving and welcoming to all!

# Celebration Presbyterian Church

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Celebrating 15 Years of Faithful Mission and Ministry!



The Day of Pentecost