

PENTECOST 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY

09/27/2020

10:00 am

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A special word of welcome to those visiting our church today. Please stand for acts of worship designated with an asterisk (\*). Any who prefer may “rise up” in spirit only, if physically standing presents difficulties.

GATHERING  
CHIMES CALLING US TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Praise Team

Welcome and Announcements: Pastor

(The prayer station in the back of the sanctuary is available for lighting a candle or leaving a prayer note any time before, during, or after worship).

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Tell The TRUTH... Leader and Congregation

L: You shall know the Truth, said the Lord;

C: and the Truth shall set you free!

L: Jesus said, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life;

C: No one comes to the Father, but by me!

L: Lying lips are abomination to the Lord;

C: but they that deal truly are the Lord’s delight!

L: Therefore,

UNISON: We shall fasten on the belt of truth, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

\*UM Hymn # 454

*Open My Eyes, That I may See*

OPENING PRAYER: UNISON

Holy and True God, we honor and adore you because in you we find True love, freedom from deception and True life. In your Word, You clearly state that lying lips are abomination to you. Merciful God, we’ve come to humbly seek Your face in a time when the truth enshrined in Your Word seems to be under attack every day with just few seem to know or understand it. We are Living in a world that nearly everything about God seems to be offensive, while secularism seems to triumph. We confess, at times it is hard to distinguish between what is true from the untrue, even in many Christian settings and practices, O Lord. Renew in us the presence and power of your Holy Spirit to open our mind, eyes, and guide us into all truth, especially those that seek you with their whole hearts. Lord Jesus Christ, grant us the wisdom to know you more fully as The Way, The Truth and The Life to the glory and honor of your Name that is above every name. Amen!

GOD’S WORD IN SCRIPTURE

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Lord, Let Me Serve” Chris Glade, Soloist

(MAY TAKE YOUR OFFERING/TITHES TO NEAREST PLATES)

Gospel: *Matthew 21: 23-27(ESV)*

WITNESSING TO THE WORD

THEME: THE TRUTH- *don’t just face it, say it and live it!*

**MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER - Pastor**  
**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 trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*UM Hymn/FWS # 2208**

*Guide My Feet*

**\*SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S LOVE AND CARE: Pastor**

**\*POSTLUDE:**

**Thank you for being a part of today's worship experience.**  
**Rest assured God loves you, and so do we!**

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