

Featured Element of Worship: Pentecost

You may have noticed that the paraments on the pulpit, lectern and communion table are red this week (as opposed to the white that they had been since Easter). The reason for this is that today marks the celebration of Pentecost. The word *Pentecost* comes from a Greek word meaning "fiftieth," as it marks the fiftieth day from Easter. It originally was a festival that marked the first grain harvest in Palestine, and the Jews appropriated it as a means of giving honor and thanks to the one true and living God.

After Jesus ascended, 120 of his followers were gathered, and wondered what to do next. Luke tells us in Acts 2 that it was on Pentecost that the Spirit of God fell upon them, appearing as tongues of fire (hence red for this season's liturgical color). Empowered by the Holy Spirit, they dynamically proclaimed the truth of the gospel to all who would hear, and on that day some 3,000 believers were added to their number. While we do not visibly see tongues of fire resting upon us, that same Spirit dwells today within all those who are Christ's. So it is that by his power we go about his work for his glory, celebrating not the harvest of grain, but the harvest of people into his kingdom.

Prelude Chris Holmberg

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Choir

Surely, the Presence of the Lord is in This Place

Call to Worship Hebrews 10:24-25

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion en - dure through tri - bu - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Netherlands folk hymn
Tr. Theodore Baker, 1917
Alt. 1990

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Adrianus Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626
Harm. Edward Kremser, 1877

Corporate Prayer of Confession & Silent Confession

Heavenly Father, you have made us as precious to you as Jesus is. You have made us as righteous as him by nailing our sin to his cross. You have pardoned us through his penalty; purchased us with his sacrifice; cleansed us with his blood; and now you assure us that we are treasured in your heart. Despite this amazing love we turn from you: Our hearts wander into selfishness; we neglect those who are hurting; we excuse our own unforgiveness; and we live as though you do not care. Forgive us, we pray. Humble our hearts through your mercy and make living for Jesus our joy. Displace our love for sin with greater love for Christ, then help us to be in life what you have already made us for eternity: a holy people in Christ alone. Amen.

(Adapted from a prayer by Bryan Chapell)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 44:22

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Elder Randy Heidtman

The Lord's Prayer

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. 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.

Unison Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-8

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?"

Anthem

Choir with Congregation

Cornerstone

**Jesus is the Cornerstone,
Came for sinners to atone;
Though rejected by His own,
He became the Cornerstone.
Jesus is the Cornerstone**

**Rock of ages so secure,
For all time it shall endure;
Till His children reach their home,
He remains the cornerstone.**

**When I am by sin oppressed,
On the Stone, I am at rest;
When the seeds of truth are
sown,
He remains the Cornerstone.
Jesus is the Cornerstone.**

**Till the breaking of the dawn,
Till all footsteps cease to roam,
Ever let this truth be known,**

**Jesus is the Cornerstone,
Jesus is the Cornerstone.**

**Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide, let me hide
myself in Thee.**

98C Sing a New Song to Jehovah

Sermon

Rev. Pete Scribner

Matthew 28:16-20

1. ¹Sing a new song to Je - ho - vah for the won - ders he has wrought;
 2. ³Truth and mer - cy toward his peo - ple he has ev - er kept in mind,
 3. ⁷Seas with all your full - ness thun - der, all earth's peo - ples now re - joice;

his right hand and arm most ho - ly tri - umph to his cause have brought.
 and his full and free sal - va - tion he has shown to all man - kind.
⁸floods and hills in praise u - nit - ing, to the Lord lift up your voice.

²In his love and ten - der mer - cy he has made sal - va - tion known,
⁴Sing, O earth, sing, to Je - ho - vah, prais - es to Je - ho - vah sing;
⁹For, be - hold, the Lord is com - ing, robed in jus - tice and in might;

in the sight of ev - 'ry na - tion he his righ - teous - ness has shown.
^{5/6}with the swell - ing notes of mu - sic shout be - fore the Lord, the King.
 he a - lone will judge the na - tions, and his judg - ment shall be right.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

1. The Person of Jesus to Us

2. The Purpose of Jesus for Us

3. The Power of Jesus in Us

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Q. What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

Lift High the Cross

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Unison

(Ref.) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

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1. Come, breth - ren, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4. Thy king - dom come, that earth's de - spair may cease
 5. For thy blest cross which doth for us a - tone,

our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 • as thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to thee.
 be - neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
 cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore thy throne.

D.C.

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We Depart into the World...

Benediction

Parting Hymn

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

WELCOME to this morning's service of corporate worship!

The Flowers adorning our worship service this morning have been provided by Dorothy Younce in memory of her sister, Eleanor Crothers.

"...and the Two became One..."

The Diaconate, as an expression of the church's commitment to marriage, recognizes couples who are members of the church on certain wedding anniversaries (their first, all divisible by five, and all over 50). Today we are pleased to celebrate with:

- Jim & Marsha Davis (54 years on May 28th)
- Mick & Ann Tulgetske (45 years on May 29th)

New Member Class - We are in the process of scheduling a four-week session for prospective new members. If you are interested in joining the church (or just would like to go through the class!) please indicate so as you sign the friendship folder and we'll be in touch.

Prayer Chain - Please contact Rev. Scribner (618-795-4319) if you have a prayer request or would like to serve the congregation at Calvary by being a part of our prayer chain.

Open House - The Holmberg family would like to invite the congregation to join them at an open house celebrating Lydia's graduation from high school. It will be held at the church on Saturday, May 30th from noon until 5pm.

Nursery - While we welcome (and actually encourage!) the presence of young children during corporate worship, we also recognize that not all parents are comfortable having their littlest ones with them in the sanctuary. For this reason, we provide a nursery for children age 3 and under during the sermon.

Offerings are received each week in the wooden donation box in the Narthex. We have placed it there as a convenience for our members and friends. If you are visiting us this Sunday, please feel no pressure to make any donation. We are glad to have you simply be our guest today, and invite you to join us for a donut and coffee in the Fellowship Hall after worship!

Meditation for the Week

(N)ote...the emphasis which the New Testament places on the role of love in the exercise of spiritual gifts (implicit in Romans 12:3-8, more explicit in 1 Peter 4:10-11, and the governing principle in 1 Corinthians 13:1ff, as well as in Ephesians 4:16); *i.e.* the body upbuilds itself when its gifts are exercised in love. Thus the *fruit* of the Spirit ('love...', Galatians 5:22) should be distinguished from the *gifts* of the Spirit, but ought never to be absent in their exercise. For without love, and the humility which accompanies it (Romans 12:3; 1 Corinthians 4:7), the purpose of the gifts of the the Spirit is thwarted (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). They are given through the Spirit of Christ to equip believers to serve one another in the body of Christ and thus to set on display the unity of the church in the context of its diversity, and vice versa. For this, love is essential.

Fundamental to this perspective are two principles:

(a) Spiritual gifts reflect more about the grace of the Giver than they reveal about the gracious condition of the recipient. In the New Testament, it is regarded as a serious possibility that an individual may exercise spiritual powers yet lack grace and salvation (Matthew 7:22). The author of Hebrews refers to the possibility of experiencing the powers of the age to come without possessing the 'things that accompany salvation' (Hebrews 6:5, 9).

(b) Gifts are given to enable their recipients to minister to others. Implied in their possession is the two-fold principle of dependency on Christ and service for others, since the gifts of the Spirit are given essentially to the individual for the edification of others rather than for himself or herself.

To ignore these considerations as the guiding principles in the exercise of spiritual gifts is a recipe for spiritual and possibly also moral disaster in the church.

Sinclair Ferguson

The Holy Spirit, 209

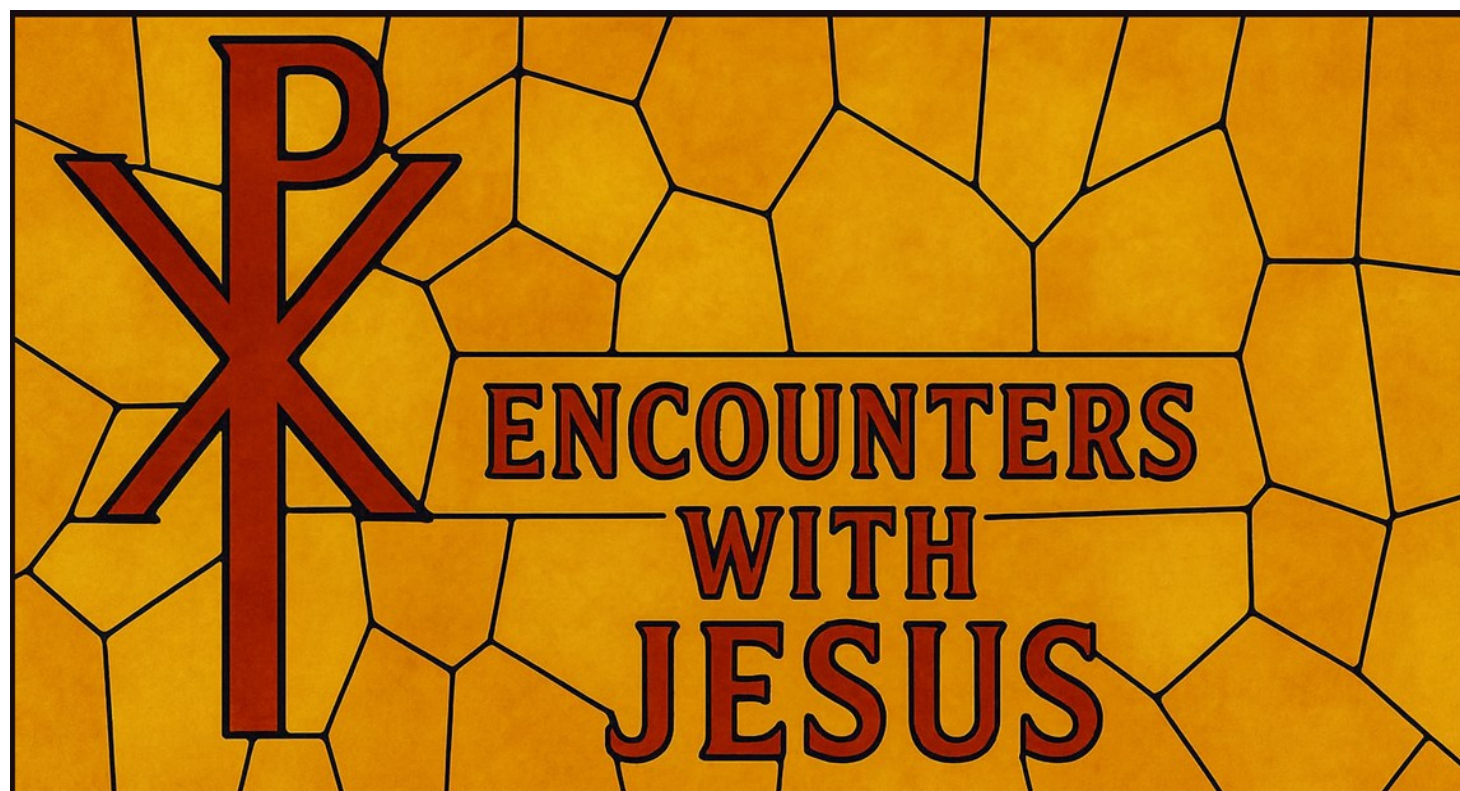
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This Week at Calvary

Today	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts and fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School
Monday	OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	
Tuesday	2:00	Tuesdays at Two
	7:00	Session
Next Sunday	9:40	Prayer in Office Conference Room (All Welcome)
	10:00	Worship Service followed by coffee, donuts and fellowship
	11:30	Sunday School

Throughout the week, as you ready your hearts for next Sunday's service of corporate worship, consider our Meditation for the Week (printed inside the bulletin), and familiarize yourself with Acts 1:6-11, which will be next Sunday's sermon text.



Calvary Presbyterian Church

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Our Mission - We exist to know, worship, serve, and enjoy the one true God.

Our Vision - We seek to love God completely, love others selflessly, and everywhere proclaim Christ: crucified, risen, and reigning forever.

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