

June 9, 2019

Pentecost  
Sacrament of Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

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We Gather in God's Name

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**As We Prepare for Worship**

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.*

– Acts 2:1-2

**Prelude**

“Holy Spirit, Rain Down”

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**Gathering Words** *(Please read responsively.)*

God of wind and fire, God of spirit and flame, come into our gathering.

**May we feel the power of your presence.**

Set our hearts aglow and renew our spirits.

**Fill us with dreams and visions of your peace and love.**

Join us in our celebration this Pentecost day.

**As this faithful community, let us joyfully worship God!**

**Gathering Hymn #301** “Let Us Build a House”

**Call to Confession**

Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and promises to show us mercy. We confess our sins together now.

## **Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**The Spirit calls each of us, but we are often reluctant to heed the call. The wind of the Spirit blows, at times fiercely, and draws us onward, yet we cling to fragile familiarities, to securities and to safety. Help us to risk letting go, to stand free as your servant people. Help us to capture visions of the future, so that we can truly be your church. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## **Words of Forgiveness** *Romans 8:14-17*

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

**For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.**

When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

## **Our Response #228** “Spirit of the Living God”

### **The Peace**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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### **God’s Word Comes Alive**

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## **Prayer for Illumination** – *from 1 Corinthians 2:9-13*

As it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, God has prepared for those who love him.”

**Holy Spirit, we pray that you would speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom. Instead, may we be taught by the Spirit, so that you would reveal what you have prepared for us. Amen.**

## **Readings from Scripture**

### Genesis 11:1-9 (NRSV)

**11** Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup> And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup> And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup> Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

<sup>5</sup> The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” <sup>8</sup> So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Acts 2:1-21

**2** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them,

and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be  
saved.'

**Message**                    "Holy Spirit Day"                    Rev. Fiona Nicolaisen

**Hymn #289**    "On Pentecost They Gathered"

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**God Is Made Known to Us  
Through the Breaking of Bread**

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**Communion**

Welcome

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer  
*(Please use whichever words are most familiar to you.)*

Invitation

Sharing in the Cup and Loaf

*We will celebrate the Sacrament by intinction. All who desire to be fed by Jesus are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. There are no requirements of membership. The elements are gluten- and alcohol-free so that all may partake.*

Prayer after Communion

**Our Shared Life**

*Welcome, members, guests and residents of Tudor Oaks! We hope you will join us again soon. If you are a first-time visitor, we invite you to sign one of the Fellowship Folders located at the back of the sanctuary. Please read the announcements in the bulletin and use the microphone to share any announcements you may have.*

## Joys and Concerns

### Prayers of the People

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#### God's Gifts Are Recognized with Thanks

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#### Call to Offering

We have been adopted into God's family. Let us share our Spirit-given gifts and talents to help our brothers and sisters, in all their diversity.

**Offertory**            "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"            McKibben

**\*Response to Offering #515** "I Come with Joy"

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

**Your gifts to us are many, O God, and we thank you for all that we have received. Today we especially thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, always on the move through all of creation. Here today may your Spirit bless all that we offer to you, including each of our very lives, so that we may give witness to the power of your Spirit in every place and to every person in the world.**

**May your Spirit be at work through our gifts to the Pentecost Offering. May the lives of children, youth and young adults be enriched and drawn to you through these gifts and your Spirit. This we pray by the Spirit in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**\*Sending Song #291** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

#### Benediction

**Postlude**                    "Like Tongues of Fire"                    Blake



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**Today and This Week at Heritage  
Pentecost  
Sacrament of Holy Communion**

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10:00 a.m.	Worship:	Rev. Fiona Nicolaisen
	Liturgist:	Brandy Bellek
	Communion:	Jineen Sheridan
11:15 a.m.	Wired Word	Olive Wood Theater

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**Next Sunday, June 16  
Trinity Sunday**

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10:00 a.m.	Worship:	Rev. Michelle Henrichs
	Liturgist:	still needed
11:15 a.m.	Wired Word	Olive Wood Theater

**A Visit with the Pastor**

If you would like a visit with Pastor Michelle over the summer, please contact her at 262-488-5100 or [mahenrichs@gmail.com](mailto:mahenrichs@gmail.com). You may also leave a message with the church office at 414-425-2050.

**Prayer Concerns and Celebrations**

*Each week, we remember two families in prayer. We thank God for them, ask God's blessing upon them and God's presence with them. Please keep these highlighted families and the other listed people and places in your personal prayers throughout the week.*

Highlighted Families:	Jon & Donna Robinson Sam, Aly, Zach, and Aby John & Joane Kavajecz
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Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:	Foothills Presbytery, SC The people of El Salvador
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Praying for the Persecuted Church: Azerbaijan

Birthdays:	June 11	Emily Cliff
	June 12	Kayla Buehler
	June 12	Donna Seeker
Anniversaries:	June 13	Jon & Donna Robinson Jan & Dieter Tesch

**In Our Prayers**

*This week's prayer list:*

Joy for the musicians of Heritage and thanks for their gifts of music throughout the program year.

Blessings for Heritage members going to the Montreat Music and Worship Conference next week; may they have safe travels and experience the joy of God's abundance.

Prayers of healing for Evie Hittle as she re-learns how to run; thanks for Jeanne Musolf's presence with Evie during physical therapy.

Prayers of comfort for Robert Feil and his family on the death of Robert's son-in-law.

Prayers of healing for Kathy Kozicki's mother.

Prayers of healing for Clyde, a long-time friend of the Fellows' family; thanks that Connie was able to visit Clyde at St. Luke's last week.

Prayers of healing and comfort for Jan Tesch's brother as he and his family prepare for his transition to assisted living.

*Our on-going prayer list:*

Karen Anderson, Roxanne Lawrence, Dale Pffor, Jean Ripple, Gerry Kohl, Pat Zebrick, and Jane Arlozynski's brother Earl Duckwall.

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## Announcements

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In case a Tudor Oaks resident needs assistance, please notify the Nursing Station in the Health Center or the Front Desk or call 1-414-529-0100.

### *About Today's Guest Pastor*

Fiona Nicolaisen was born in Scotland, attended college and seminary in upstate New York, and then moved to Wisconsin to accept her first call to ministry. Currently she is working as the Parent Coordinator at Reagan IB High School in Milwaukee. There is much which fills her life with joy, most especially her family, with whom she loves to spend time at home, at church, at school events, at volleyball and soccer games, at the theatre, and on trips together to explore the world!

### *Recognizing our Graduates –June 16*

During worship on June 16, we will recognize our graduates who are graduating from high school and college. (For college we will also recognize anyone who has graduated since last spring.)

### *Pastor's Bible Study Update*

After a summer break, the Bible Study will resume in the fall. For more information, please contact Pastor Michelle at [mahenrichs@gmail.com](mailto:mahenrichs@gmail.com).

### *The Wired Word Update*

We will be continuing The Wired Word during the summer on the Sundays a leader is available. Please watch your weekly Wired Word email to find out if there will be class. Everyone is welcome!

The Wired Word is an adult Bible Study curriculum that relates current events to relevant Scripture passages, helping participants apply Scripture to everyday life. Join us in thought-provoking, stimulating discussions and group dialogue.