Service for the Lord's Day

Day of Pentecost June 4, 2017

May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

By the power of your Spirit, Lord, renew our hearts and free us from sins. Amen.

Gathering

PRELUDE

"Air" for Suite in D

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Jimmy Chapman

*INTROIT #291

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" (Refrain & v.1)

Manley, 1975

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day of Pentecost, the day of the amazing outpouring of the Spirit of God!

This is the day of Pentecost, the day of rushing wind, of flames of fire, of loosened tongues.

It is on this very day that the Holy Spirit descends upon us all, upon everyone in this place, to make us prophets; proclaimers of what we have seen and heard in Jesus Christ!

Praise and glory be to God!

*HYMN

"Come, O Spirit"

Dalles, 1983

(See insert for words)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE PENTECOST STORY

Acts 2:1-21

Bibles, p.111/LG. p.144

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CALL TO CONFESSION

It is not human nature to pay much attention to spiritual things. It is human nature to emphasize what we can control. Let us confess it first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, often times, we are like bones in the desert where our faith is dried up and lifeless. Sometimes, the winds of false doctrine sear our spirit; the heat of conflict saps our strength.

We seek an oasis to escape Your judgment; we wander aimlessly in search of direction. Have mercy upon us, and fill us anew with Your Spirit. Give us counsel and guidance, and forgive us our waywardness. In the name of Christ's Spirit, we pray. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

#580

"Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The prophet Joel declares that in the last days God's Spirit will be poured out upon all flesh. So that "...it shall be that whoever calls on God shall be saved." Know that as you call on God's name, Christ intercedes on your behalf to deliver you in his righteousness, blameless before God. Let us say together:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. In Christ's spirit, we are empowered toward good. Amen.

*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.

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION # 288 "Spirit of the Living God" (2x) Iverson, 1926

SECOND SCRIPTURE

John 16:4b-15 & 20:21-23

Bibles, p.104/ LG. p.135

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Pentecost is Incarnation" Rev. Dr. Ronnie Holloman

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

"First, that with the Father and the Son, the Spirit is equally eternal God. Second, that God's Spirit is also given to me, preparing me through a true faith to share in Christ and all his benefits, and that the Spirit comforts me and will abide with me forever." This, we believe.

Amen.

- The Heidelberg Catechism Q. 52

HYMN #688

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Croly, 1867

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Jesus Calls Us" arr. Smith

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Those who are able may come down the center aisle to be served. If you prefer, please remain seated and the elements will be brought to you. The outer ring of the communion tray contains white grape juice and the inner rings contain wine.

Sending

*HYMN #66 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Costen, 1989

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #66 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (Refrain & v.1)

POSTLUDE "Chorale Prelude on LYONS"

Miller

(*) Those who are able may stand. **Bold italic letters** indicate congregational responses.

This week's prayers and concerns: Robbie Brooks, Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Patsy Snelgrove, Sue Williams, and the family of Dr. David Craig.

Rev. Dr. Ronnie Holloman visits us from Grace Presbytery where he is presently serving as Senior Director for Ministry and Church Transitions, since 2012 A graduate of Texas Tech, Mdiv, Austin Seminary, and Dmin, McCormick Seminary, he served as pastor for 36 years in 5 different churches in Louisiana and Texas, most recently at First Presbyterian, Mabank. Rev. Holloman is husband to wife, Wanda Faye, and father to the Rev. Caressa Holloman Murray, wife of Rev. Jonathan Murray, who co-pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church of College Station, and to Chris Holloman and family from Winnsboro. Jonathan preached at our church many times in past years. Rev. Holloman and his wife are proud grandparents to four grandchildren. We are very pleased to have him serve our church today.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. 06/11 East Texas Regional Gathering w/ Cathy Chang

4:00pm



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