

WORSHIP SERVICE

May 19, 2024

Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

* God's Greeting

* We Greet One Another

* Call to Worship

Leader: Psalm 50:3 says: "Our God comes, and He is not silent. A fire goes before Him and a mighty wind surrounds Him." When the day of Pentecost came, the believers were all together in one place. Suddenly, a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the House.

All: Breathe on us, Breath of God, fill us with life anew!

Leader: And they saw what seemed to be tongues of fire separate and come to rest on each of them.

All: Consuming Fire, make our hearts an altar. Purify our lips, purify our worship.

Leader: All the believers were filled with the Holy Spirit and began declaring the wonders of God in other tongues, the Spirit enabled them.

All: Come Holy Spirit! Thank you for not being silent. We will not be either. Receive our worship!

* Opening Songs: "Come, All You People" vs 3

Lift Up

Your Hearts #496

Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit; Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit; Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit; come now and worship the Lord.

* Song: "We Are Marching"

Sing! A New Creation #293

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God

We are marching Ooo, we are marching in the light of God

We are marching Ooo, we are marching in the light of God

We are singing in the Spirit of God, we are singing in the Spirit of God

We are singing in the Spirit of God, we are singing in the Spirit of God

We are singing Ooo, we are singing in the Spirit of God

We are singing Ooo, we are singing in the Spirit of God

WE ARE RECONCILED TO GOD

Leader: What is involved in genuine repentance or conversion?

People: Two things: the dying-away of the old self, and the rising-to-life of the new

Prayer of Confession

We have much to repent of, Holy Spirit. We have quenched you and we have ignored you. May we hate our sin more and more, and run away from it. We ask you would burn up whatever keeps us from you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Receive the good news! When we repent, we receive forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you and your children and for all whom the Lord our God will call.

Song of Assurance: "Holy Spirit Living Breath of God" *Lift Up Your Hearts* #746

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.

Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;

give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and
attitude.

Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path
of peace.

Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in
all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,
show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger
for your ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of
sacrifice,

that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

**All We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven
and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus
Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all
ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through
him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came
down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose
again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with
glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He
proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the
Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We
believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one
baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the
resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: portions of Acts 2; Romans 8:9-11

Acts 2

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. **5** Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" **13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." **14** Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. **15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! **16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: **17** "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. **18** Even on my servants, both men and women, I will

pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ ²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him: “I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, ²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’ ²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “The Lord said to my Lord: Sit at my right hand ³⁵ until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”” ³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to

Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Romans 8:9-11

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Message: The Lord and Giver of Life: Through Fire and Water

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Application

* Song of Response: “Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow” *Lift Up Your Hearts* #239

Wind who makes all winds that blow gusts that bend the saplings low,
gales that heave the sea in waves, stirrings in the mind's deep caves-
aim your breath with steady power on your church, this day, this hour.

Raise, renew the life we've lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn- suns around which planets turn,
beacons marking reefs and shoals, shining truth to guide our souls-
come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sacred flame!

Light and power, might and strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.

Holy Spirit, wind and flame, move within our mortal frame.

Make our hearts an altar pyre. Kindle them with your own fire.

Breathe and blow upon that blaze till our lives, our deeds, and ways
speak that tongue which every land by your grace shall understand.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

* Blessing

* Closing Song: "God, the Father of Your People" *Lift Up Your
Hearts #927*

God, the Father of your people, you have called us to be one
Grant us grace to walk together in the joy of Christ, your son
Challenged by your Word and Spirit, blest with gifts from heaven
above,

As one body we will serve you and bear witness to your love
May the grace of Christ, our savior, and the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above

May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord
And possess in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

Children's Message: Stacy Hertz

Message: Rev. Lora Copley

Musicians: Kathlyn Copley, Rex DeBruin, Naomi Friend, Elijah Goosen

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

The special offering this week is for **Home for Awhile**. Several churches in the Ames area have partnered together to create this organization that seeks to reduce homelessness in our community. Families who have been recently evicted or are nearing homelessness are eligible for three months of subsidized housing through Home For Awhile.

Chloe Berns-Schweingruber's grad party is May 25th from 4-7, and is open for anyone who wants to attend. It is an open house party at 4305 Harrison Circle. Hope you can join us!

This weeks Softball game: 5/21 Field 5 at 8 and 9:

From Building & Grounds - in preparation for the Summer BBQ event and Ames Christian School starting here in the fall, church grounds clean-up will **be June 8**. Please mark your calendars for a great church family event.

The Outreach Committee is planning an outing to an **Iowa Cubs game on Friday evening, June 7**. Game time is 7:08, and there will be fireworks following the game. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer so we can pre-purchase a block of tickets. Anyone can attend and pick up a ticket at the game, too.

Summer BBQ plans - July 26, Friday night, grilling for the neighborhood, burgers and hotdogs, inflatables, possibly music. We will need a church clean up this summer as well, date to come.

Summer is almost here, and that means camping. Midwest Basic Bible Camp is in the works. August 3 – 7 at Pine Lake in Eldora. 'HIS'tory is the theme this year. Jesus, from the prophets, to birth, his life, to crucifixion, to now. 5 days of camp for one great story. Fliers on the table by office. (Can always use councilors as well as campers)

Story County Election: will hold the primary election in our church on June 4th. Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm. The equipment will be delivered on June 3rd, please keep this in mind if you need to come to the church on those days.

Small Groups, Committees, & Sunday School Updates

Sunday School Classes will resume this fall

Breakfast Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee at 8:30 AM.

UFO meets the third Monday of the month.

Women's Bible Study meets on Monday once a month.

Pub Theology meets the last Sunday of the Month

Softball Schedule: Tuesday evenings The games are played at South River Valley Park, 725 E 13th St, Ames, IA 50010 (on 13th between Duff and Dayton, south side of the road)

Next Council meeting is May 15th

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Renew

Thank you for supporting Women of Hope - Thank you for your generous gifts for women worldwide through World Renew on Mother's Day. Your support for our Women of Hope offering is equipping women with lifelong strength and health. As a result, you are helping their families and communities fulfill God's desire to see all people flourish. For more information or to give, go to worldrenew.net/womenofhope.

The Banner

Banner Writing Contest for Young Adults: Peacemaking - Cash prizes and winners published; enter by June 23. For details visit thebanner.org.

ReFrame Ministries

Kids Corner: The Promised Gift: Pentecost - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. When Jesus was about to return to heaven to be with his Father, he reminded his disciples of the gift his

Father had promised them. Did you know that the same gift is promised to you as well? God sends his Holy Spirit to everyone who believes in Jesus. It's an old promise that is still good for you today! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the KC Bible Story Podcasts.

Groundwork: Salvation Through Jesus Christ Alone - As the Christian faith spread, the Apostle Paul often wrote letters to churches he planted to help clarify and solidify his teachings. Join Groundwork as we begin a study of his letter to the church in Galatia by studying Galatians 1. Together, we'll study Paul's teaching about salvation and let it continue to encourage our faith and strengthen our commitment to Christ today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Thrive

Greeters

May 19	Irvin	June 2	Kleinwolterink
May 26	N Klemme	June 9	Kopaska

Nursery

May 19	Jessica and Caraline	June 2	Elaine and Alisabeth
May 26	Donna and Stacy	June 9	Mindy and Kathlyn

Children's Message

May 19	Stacy Hertz	June 2	Rex De Bruin
May 26	Deb Niehof	June 9	Randy Raak

Congregational Prayer

May 19	Mark Voss	June 2	Randy Raak
May 26	Tom Niehof	June 9	Tom Kuyper

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