

Sebastopol United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 23, 2021

PENTECOST

Zoom Service – Order of Worship

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Seasonal Theme

We learn from the miracles, parables, and ministry of Jesus.

This second part of the Church year we learn and grow in our faith.

Theme for the Day

The birth of the Christian church and the coming upon the disciples of the Holy Spirit.

Prelude

Jim Johnson

Welcome -- Joys and Concerns

Carol Wegner/Worship Leader

(please post your Joys and Concerns in the Zoom Chat Room)

Opening Hymn

UMH 140 (verses 1 and 3)

Carol Wegner

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

[refrain] Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hands hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

[repeat refrain]

Call to Worship

Carol Wegner

*(we read the **BOLD** texts together)*

Leader: God declares: I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.

People: **Your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**

Leader: The young shall see visions.

People: **The elders shall dream dreams.**

Leader: Both men and women shall prophesy.

Unison: **And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Amen.**

Hymn

UMH 334

Carol Wegner

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence
of the Lord.

[refrain] Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,

Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;

And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;

Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Centering and Prayer of Illumination

Carol Wegner

(we read together)

Spirit of love, abide in us and in our worship. Whisper your song of love in our hearts so
that love may flow through every word we hear, every thought we think, every word we

speak, and every song we sing. Spirit of power and grace, abide in us, that we may abide in your love and proclaim your song of love forever through Jesus the Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

Special Music

Jim Johnson

Readings from Holy Scripture

Romans 8:22-27

Chris Eberle

John 16:4-15

Charlotte Fisher

Acts 2:1-11 *English*

Carol Wegner

Spanish

Barbara Stranzl

Tongan

Pastor Iunisi Tovo

Message

Pastor Iunisi Tovo

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS HERE SO THAT...

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Iunisi Tovo

The Lord's Prayer **UMH 895**

(we read together)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

The kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive 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 and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication
(we read together)

Pastor Iunisi Tovo

O Generous God, we give you thanks for all that your bounty creates. Our offerings today indicate the acknowledgement from our hearts, with the intention to relieve others of their burdens. Bless what we offer, and bless those who will be shown deeds of power through them. In Jesus's name and way we pray. Amen.

Hymn

UMH 374 (verses 1 and 4)
Standing on the Promises

Jim Johnson

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

[refrain] Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God.

[repeat refrain]

Blessing and Benediction

Pastor Iunisi Tovo

The Holy Spirit has come to inhabit this world with freedom, truth, and understanding.
It starts with you and me. We won't be alone. He is within us.

Postlude

Jim Johnson

Thank you for joining us today in worship.

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