

# Celebration of Worship

May 31, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

*We enter to worship;*

*we depart to serve*

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Prelude Amanda Teachnor, Organist

Announcements  
*(Please sign and pass the friendship pads at this time.)*

- ◆ Opening Hymn 155 *“Spirit of the Living God”*  
**Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.  
Melt, mold me, Fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.**

Welcome & Meditation Deacons’ 5th Sunday Offering  
Gift of Music *“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”*  
Brady London and Stephanie Drymon

Invocation Kim Walker

Call to Worship *from John 16 and Acts 1*

Christ said, “I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.”

**The Spirit of truth comes to guide us into all the truth.**

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,

**And we will be Christ’s witnesses in our community, our region, and to the ends of the earth!**

- ◆ Hymn 486 *“Open My Eyes That I May See”*

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS & RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE

- ◆ Prayer of Confession  
**Holy Spirit, you blow through our world and our lives like a powerful wind,  
blowing off our thin veneers of hypocrisy,  
eroding away the power of tyrants large and small,**

bringing into our world the justice of God.  
You move in our hearts and minds to enable us to hear and understand the Word and will of God, to inspire us to live as imitators of Jesus, and to guide us in prayer with sighs too deep for words. You are the Spirit of life and of truth; our lives are empty lies without you.  
And yet we fear the change you will make in us. We resist your presence and power repeatedly. Forgive us, we pray, and overcome our resistance with your breath of life, that we may be renewed and strengthened to live as you guide us.  
*(...Silent confession will conclude with “Amen.”)*

- ◆ Assurance of God’s Pardon  
Hear the Good News! The Lord will give his people justice and have compassion on his servants.  
**The Lord will give his people peace and joy.**  
Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

- ◆ Gloria *“Lord, Be Glorified”*  
**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.  
In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

Gift of Music *“By Your Side”* 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North  
Brady London and Stephanie Drymon  
(See insert for lyrics)

Children’s Moment Ms. Marti  
(Children’s Church is available for 4 yrs. through kindergarten.)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Morning Offering  
Anthem *“God’s Gonna Set This World on Fire”*  
Moses Hogan and Edwin Hogan

- ◆ Hymn *“We Are an Offering”*  
**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering.**

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you, we are an offering, we are an offering.

- ◆ Prayer of Dedication

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading (page 44) Exodus 3:9-11, 4:1-17

Gospel Reading (page 953) Philippians 1:3-13

Sermon *“We Give Thanks to Our God  
Every Time We Remember You”*

Honoring our Graduates

- ◆ Hymn *“Here I Am, Lord”*  
(please see insert)

## WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

- ◆ Benediction

- ◆ Congregational Response Hymn 516  
*“Give of Your Best to the Master”* (1<sup>st</sup> verse & Refrain)  
**Give of your best to the Master, Give of the strength of your youth; Throw your soul’s fresh, glowing ardor into the battle for truth.  
Jesus has set the example – Dauntless was He, young and brave; Give Him your loyal devotion, give Him the best that you have.  
Give of your best to the Master; Give of the strength of your youth; Clad in salvation’s full armor, join in the battle for truth.**

Postlude

- ◆ *(Indicates appropriate place for congregation to stand)*

