

WATERFORD UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

Rev. Mary Jo Patterson

Music: Azrael Hackshaw

A Warm Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today at Waterford United Church. May this time together be a blessing to you as you pause to praise God, to give thanks and to gather spiritual strength for the coming week. Please join us for coffee and fellowship time after the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

On this Pentecost Sunday, I welcome you to Waterford United Church where we work to offer a wide welcome to all people regardless of ability, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, theological perspective, or faith tradition. Welcome in the love and grace of God, the power of the risen Jesus Christ and the comforting fellowship of the Holy Spirit!

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

SILENCE:

As we sit with our eyes closed and, in the silence, let us sense the Spirit of God moving among us, around us, between us, embracing each of us with love, gentleness and longing.

INTROIT: Spirit of Life

VU # 381

CALL TO WORSHIP:

God's spirit calls us into the future,
God's spirit calls us to new vision,
God's spirit calls us in compassionate love
**So let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life
in the presence of the God.**

(Christ candle is Lit)

PRAYER OF APPROACH:

It is time! Holy Spirit, move in us. Come, stir in us the promise of new ideas and dreams, new ways of being and doing ministry. Spirit, run in the streets of the city. Flow to the deep brown roots of our belonging. Spirit, invade the air. Stretch widely with whispering wings, and cover us with your healing. Spirit, soar in the mobile phone towers and shop fronts. Carry the seed, call the song of the dance in the heart of God. Wake us to hope and freedom, in Jesus' name we pray God, lover of us all, most holy one. Help us to respond to you. To create what you want for us here on earth. Give us today enough for our needs. Forgive our weak and deliberate offences, just as we must forgive others when they hurt us. Help us to resist evil and to do what is good. For we are yours, endowed with your power to make our world whole. Amen. *(Abba prayer by LWinkley/cw)*

OPENING HYMN: Spirit of God, Unleashed On Earth

VU # 207

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG AT HEART:

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

SILENCE AS WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S LIVING WORD FOR US THIS DAY.

The delight of a well-known story fills our hearts as we listen for its familiar end.

**May we hear in these stories, familiar and new,
both wisdom and meaning for the days ahead.**

SILENCE

THE SCRIPTURE READING:
Acts 2: 1-18

Peter Scovil

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE MEDITATION: "Let's Pray the Answer Isn't Nothing!"

HYMN: We Gather Here In Jesus' Name

VU # 469

Worship Leader: Rev. Mary Jo Patterson
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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

COMMUNION PRAYER FOR PENTECOST – (insert)

DOXOLOGY:

VU# 958 (2x's)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
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Hallelujah, Hallelujah

WE ARE SENT FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OFFERING PRAYER:

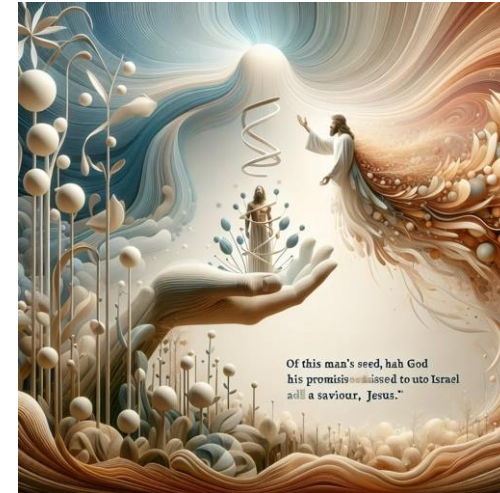
We bless you, O God, with these gifts you first gave us. We bless you, O God, with these gifts for the work of your church. We bless you O God, with our hearts and our hands. We dedicate to you, O God, all that you have given us. Use it to bring healing to others and glory to your name. Amen

CLOSING HYMN: Filled With the Spirit's Power

VU #194

CLOSING BLESSING:

(The Christ Candle is extinguished)



Of this man's seed, hath God
his promise committed to unto Israel
and a saviour, Jesus."

Today we are gathered in the traditional territories of several indigenous nations with gratitude. As settlers, we take on the responsibility of learning about historic and current relationships, and our desire to engage in building right relations. We are also mindful of broken covenant, and the need to commit ourselves to deep reconciliation and healing.

The Waterford United Church is a place where everyone is welcome regardless of their ability, age, class, ethnicity, gender, race, or sexual orientation.

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COFFEE HOUR SIGNUP – Please sign up for coffee hour on the list posted in the auditorium. Dates go to the end of June. Any costs will be reimbursed, and we ask for people to take on the prep and cleanup.

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