

# Sunday Worship

The Empowered Church

May 31, 2020

The Church Gathered  
Together

## GATHERING

### Welcome Video

***Prelude (Welcome Slide) - Build Your Kingdom Here***

V1, C

### Call to Worship

*"Ten days after the ascension of Christ and fifty days after His resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Today, we celebrate that event with fiery red adorning our cross and altar reminding us of the Holy Spirit's coming like fire in Acts 2.*

*Pentecost symbolizes a new beginning... In celebrating Pentecost, we express our gratitude to Jesus for fulfilling His promise to send "another counselor" (John 14:16); we celebrate the work of the Spirit in renewing all of creation; we profess our confidence in the Spirit's power for our mission as God's church to reach the whole world with the gospel." (adapted from The Worship Sourcebook)*

*Will you join me as we are called to worship the Triune God on this day when the Holy Spirit came on all believers?*

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With love that overcomes the boundaries of race and nation,

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With power from above to make our weakness strong,

**Come, Holy Spirit** (From reformedworship.org)

*Let's continue to worship!*

### ***You Are Good***

Intro x2, V1, PC, C1(half), V1, PC, C2, Bridge, PC, C3, Ending

### ***All Creatures Of Our God And King (Sovereign Grace)***

V1, V2, V3, V4, \*O praise him

## **Confession/Assurance**

### **Call to Confession (from Acts 2:21)**

Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

*Come, then, let us confess our sins to the one who is faithful to forgive.*

*Come, then, let us adore the one who is mighty to save!*

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful and gracious God,**

**Our hearts cry out for You to make us whole again.**

**Even as we celebrate that You have come to dwell within us,**

**we have sinned against You and abandoned Your commandments;**

**we have been jealous, possessive, ambivalent, and impulsive;**

**we have not heeded Your Word and we have not cherished Your covenant.**

**Help us to glorify You in all times and in all places.**

**As our souls thirst for Your living waters,**

**quench our needs and satisfy our love,**

**that we may come back to You and be sent forth**

**to fill the world with Your mercy and grace.**

**In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**and by the power of the Holy Spirit who is at work within us,**

**Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon (from John 20:19–22)**

Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God!**

## ***Holy Spirit (Getty Version)***

V1, V2, V3

## **Doxology**

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## Prayers of the People

*Jesus was Jewish but if he had taken an ancestry test you would have found Moabite and Amorite, and Hittite DNA in his blood. Jesus talked with Samaritan women. His disciples ministered to Ethiopians and Roman centurions. Part of the scandal of the Gospel is that Jesus didn't just come for the Jews he came to offer salvation to everyone. Today, on Pentecost, we celebrate that God gave His Holy Spirit to people from every nation and tribe and language.*

*It is not lost on me that pentecost is a celebration of the fact that all have access to the saving work of Jesus through the Holy Spirit based on faith, not on race, or tribe, or ethnicity or social position, and yet we come to this pentecost in a moment when the inequality and prejudice of our system is once again inflamed in the aftermath of the police killing of another black man.*

*We worship a Pentecost God and celebrate a Pentecost gospel but we do not yet live in a Pentecost world...*

*Will you pray for that with me?*

[Pastoral Prayer]

Today we mourn the tragic death of George Floyd, and God we pray for Your comfort and peace for his family and loved ones. We cry out for justice. We cry out for accountability. We long for change in our country and an end of the conditions and attitudes and prejudice that keep perpetuating this story. God, we are grateful for the cross, where Jesus' suffering assures us that You will punish evil. We pray for the city of Minneapolis, that God, Your shalom—Your peace, Your healing, and Your restoration—would fall there abundantly. God, we lament. God, we grieve. We pray that we would become a nation that values the life and breath of every human being, as we all are made in your image God, and You are particularly concerned for the least, for the marginalized, for the voiceless.

(Adapted from David Burke)

God and Father of all,  
in Your love  
You made all the nations of the world  
in the sacrifice of your Son, You have broken down the walls that divide us.  
Yet our world is driven apart  
with prejudice, arrogance, and pride.

Lord, we lament systems and traditions that keep us divided and scared.  
We long for the love of Christ to help us  
to love and understand one another better.  
To increase our sympathy, our empathy, our reverence and goodwill,  
that we may learn to treasure the gifts  
that each race brings into your kingdom,  
and to see in all kinds of people  
our brothers and sisters for whom Christ died.  
Save us from jealousy, hatred, and fear,  
and help us to live together  
Make us sons and daughters of one Father  
who live in liberty as the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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## Ministry Moment

> As forgiven people, let us share forgiveness with one another, pointing beyond our reality to the peace of God's reign.

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

> Announcement (Zoom Meeting)

> GraceKids

## WORD

### Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Please stand if you are able for a reading from God's Holy Word. Today's Scripture reading is from Acts 2:42-47. Please read the verse in bold.

[42] And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

**[43] And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.**

[44] And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

**[45] And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.**

[46] And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,

**[47] praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.**

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

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## TABLE

### *Come Holy Ghost*

V1, V2, C, V3, C, V4, Cx2

## SENDING

### Benediction

### Closing Video (Announcements)

### Grace Sac Slide

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