OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: Please rise and stand as you are able. With songs of joy and hearts of love,

let us bring our offerings and gifts to God in gratitude.

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

SUNG RESPONSE Accept, O God, the Gifts

Blue Hymnal, #379

(An Offering Collection Box is located on the table in the back of sanctuary, by the exit door)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All people: Good and gracious God, just as you poured out the power of your Spirit

on the Day of Pentecost, pour out your power upon these gifts and the very lives that we offer to your purposes. Teach and inspire our young people to dream dreams and follow those dreams in serving you. May all that we offer in your name bring about a vision of your gracious and

sovereign realm of love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN There's a Spirit in the Air Blue Hymnal, #257

BENEDICTION

Pastor: In rushing wind and cleansing fire,

go forth in the power of the living God.

Congregation: We go as children of God.

Pastor: In courage found and strength renewed,

go forth in the power of the eternal Christ.

Congregation: We go as heirs with Christ.

Pastor: In visions born and dreams restored,

go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: We go as new creations in the Spirit.

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

Acolytes

POSTLUDE Mr. Kevin Crone

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May 19, 2024 Pentecost Sunday

PREWORSHIP MUSIC GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Kevin Crone Rev. Laura C. Baker

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE & CANDLELIGHTING

Acolytes

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, believers and faithful ones, sing your alleluias to God!

Congregation: Praise God, who inspires us with the rush of a mighty wind and fills

us with fire.

Pastor: Praise God, who out of love for us sent Jesus Christ to live among us.

Congregation: Praise God, whose Spirit is poured out upon all flesh

so our sons and daughters might prophesy.

Pastor: God reaches into our lives and claims us,

calling us honored and loved.

Congregation: We are God's people; we are redeemed,

for God has called us by name.

All people: Come, Holy Spirit, and lead us forth into the wonders of God's love!

HYMN I Come with Joy Blue Hymnal, #420

(The congregation may be seated, as the children & youth come forward)

JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN COME"

ANTHEM O, Worship the King (Hughes) Chancel Choir

FIRST READING

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:22-27

GOSPEL READING

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

SERMON & PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All people: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom

come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

HYMN Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Blue Hymnal, #392

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(With Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And, also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

Congregation: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right to give God thanks and praise, and yet we know that all of us

sin and fall short of God's glory. Let us confess, first silently.

Pastor: Let us now join our voices to confess.

All people: Gracious God, you have promised to receive us when we come to you.

We confess we have disobeyed your commandment to love. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as we should. Forgive us, O God, and grant that we may forever, hereafter, serve and love, to the honor and glory of your name.

Amen.

Pastor: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether. The past is finished

and gone. Everything has become fresh and new. Friends believe the good

news of the gospel:

All people: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Pastor: In gratitude for God's mercy and the chance to begin anew, let us lift our

voices in song, to give God our thanks and praise.

All sing: Gloria Patri Hymnal, #493

Pastor: We celebrate the Holy Spirit of God, who hovered over creation and

brought order out of chaos and formlessness.

Congregation: We praise you, Holy Spirit of God.

Pastor: We celebrate the Holy Spirit, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom

and through Him, made the life of God available to all.

Congregation: We praise you, Holy Spirit of God.

Pastor: We celebrate the Holy Spirit of God, who gave birth to the church, which

has been poured out on all people, and leads them into the Kingdom of

God.

Congregation: We praise you, Holy Spirit of God.

Pastor: As we gather at the Lord's Table, we recognize the Holy Spirit's Presence

among us, and we open our hearts to the Spirit's influence.

All people: Lord, we come, knowing that we depend on you for life and truth and

love. We come, knowing that you welcome us with open and accepting

arms. We come, ready to meet with you and to be changed by the encounter around this holy meal. Amen.

Pastor: On the eve of his crucifixion, Jesus gathered with his friends for a meal.

During supper, he took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and passed it

among them with these words:

Congregation: This is my body, which is broken for you. Take, eat, and remember me.

Pastor: After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks for it. Then he

passed it among them with these words:

Congregation: This is my blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Take,

drink, and remember me.

Pastor: Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine

and pour out the fire of your Spirit on us. Make us one body, unified that we might be your faithful disciples who boldly proclaim and live the good

news of forgiveness, peace, and eternal love. Amen.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Pastor: Those who are able, are invited to come forward to receive communion.

For those who may find it difficult to come forward, please raise your hand, or have a neighbor raise their hand for you, and an usher will direct me, and I will come to you. The bread has been broken into small pieces. When you receive it, you may eat it immediately. Next, both wine and grape juice are offered. Wine is RED. Grape juice is clear. Please commune as you feel called. Ushers will release you from your seat. Please come to the Lord's Table by way of the center aisle and return to

your seats by way of the side aisles. This is the Lord's Table, and *everyone* is welcome to receive communion. No one is exempt or excluded. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come! All

things are now ready.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

(As time allows)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God A Hymn of Joy We Sing Sweet, Sweet Spirit Blue Hymnal, #254 Blue Hymnal, #404 Blue Hymnal, #261

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All people: Thank you, Lord Jesus, for this holy meal and for coming to us in the

Holy Spirit's power, as we have shared it. May the love we find at this table be reflected in our lives. May the power we receive at this table make us peacemakers and healers. May the Holy Spirit who fills us at this table, lead us out into the world, that we might proclaim God's love in every word we speak and everything we do. In Jesus' name. Amen.