



**May 31, 2020**

**The Day of Pentecost**

**9:30 a.m.**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Changing Colors

**WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor Craig

**RINGING OF THE BOWL, POURING OF THE WATER**

**PRELUDE**

Spirit Medley with *"Spirit of the Living God"*

and *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

Arr. M. Hayes

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Diane

The Biblical reference for this day is from to the Book of Acts "When the day of Pentecost had come..." For the people of Israel, the most significant event in the history of the world was Passover. They were Slaves. These slaves sacrificed a lamb to the LORD, and while God passed over Israel, God inflicted devastation on Egypt, then God led Israel out of slavery into wilderness. It would be forty years before God led them out of wilderness into the Promised Land. Fifty days after the first Passover (the day of Pentecost), while in the wilderness, God gave the people the Ten Commandments. The Day of Pentecost is celebration of receiving the Ten Commandments, promise from God of a new way of life with God. The sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross and his resurrection from the dead was fifty days ago, and on this day of Pentecost we celebrate receiving promise from God of a new way of life with God.

**OPENING HYMN***My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

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My country, 'tis of thee,  
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:  
land where my fathers died, land from the pilgrims' pride,  
from every mountainside let freedom ring.

My native country thee,  
land of the noble free,  
thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrills  
like that above.

**RECITATION OF THE LAW**

Exodus 20

On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness, there in front of the mountain. Moses said, "The people of the Lord are not permitted to come up to Mount Sinai; for God warned us, saying 'Set limits around the mountain and keep it holy.'" The Lord said to Moses, "Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you; but do not let either the priests or the people break through to come up to the LORD; otherwise God will break out against them." So Moses went down to the people and told them. Then God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other God before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall do all your work, but the seventh is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit

adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house, spouse, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance. Then the people stood at a distance, while Moses drew near to the thick distance where God was.

## **PSALTER**

Psalm 104: 24, 27-34

**REFRAIN: LORD, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

**Verse 1: O LORD, how manifold are your works; in wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creation; bless the LORD, O my soul. All your creatures look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good things.**

**REFRAIN: LORD, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

**Verse 2: When you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. You send forth your spirit and they are created, and so you renew the face of all the earth. May the LORD's glory endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in all created works, who touches the earth and it quakes, who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

**REFRAIN: LORD, send out your spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

## **ANTHEM**

*"Duet: 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'"*

arr. T. Wilhelmi

Jamie Reed, Piano; Wes Moulton, Organ

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

The Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

## **SERMON**

*Who Are We?*

Pastor Craig

**HYMN**      *Every Morning Is Easter Morning from Now On*      Avery & Marsh

**REFRAIN:** Every morning is Easter morning from now on. Every day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!

Goodbye guilt, goodbye fear, good riddance! Hello LORD, Hello Sun! I am one of God's beloved people! My new life has begun!

REFRAIN

Daily news is so bad it seems the good news seldom gets heard. Get it straight from God's beloved people: God's in charge spread the word!

REFRAIN

Yesterday I was bored and lonely; but today look and see! I belong to the Easter people! Life's exciting to me!

REFRAIN

## **THE CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**                      *From a Distance*                      By: J. Gold

Xander Mason, soloist

From a distance, the world looks blue and green, and the snowcapped mountains white.

From a distance, the ocean meets the stream, and the eagle takes to flight.

From a distance there is harmony, and it echoes through the land.

It's the voice of hope, it's the voice of peace. It's the voice of every one.

From a distance, we all have enough, and no one is in need.

There are no guns, no bombs, and no disease, no hungry mouths to feed.

From a distance, we are instruments marching in a common band;

Playing songs of hope, playing songs of peace, they're the songs of everyone.

God is watching us. God is watching us from a distance.

From a distance, you look like my friend even though we are at war.

From a distance, I can't comprehend what all this fighting is for.  
From a distance there is harmony and it echoes through the land.  
It's the hope of hopes, it's the love of love, it's the heart of every man.  
God is watching us.

## **GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **HYMN**

*Hail Thee, Festival Day*

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**Refrain:** Hail thee, festival day!  
Blest day to be hallowed for ever;  
Day when our Lord was raised,  
breaking the kingdom of death.

Bright and in likeness of fire,  
on those who await his appearing,  
he whom the Lord had foretold,  
Suddenly, swiftly descends:

Refrain

Daily the loveliness grows,  
adorned with the glory of blossom;  
heaven its gates now unbars,  
flinging its increase of light:

Refrain

God the Almighty, the Lord,  
the ruler of earth and the heavens,  
guard us from harm without:  
cleans us from evil within:

Refrain

Jesus, the health of the world,  
enlighten our minds, great Redeemer,  
Son of the Father supreme,  
only begotten of God.

Refrain

Spirit of life and of power,  
now flow in us, fount of our being,  
light that enlightens us all,  
life that in all may abide.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

arr. A. Jordan

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**Flowers Given by:** Judy Aguayo

**In Memory of Denita & Jacob Castillo**

VPC Financial / Attendance Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance	
April-2020		Through Week # 20 (5/24/20)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 54,448	2020 Attendance	**
Monthly Giving Budget	\$ 67,438	2019 Attendance	161
*YTD Giving Support	\$ 252,297	*YTD 2020 Attendance	5272
*YTD Giving Budget	\$ 330,671	*YTD 2019 Attendance	8332

\*YTD = Year to Date      \*\*as of noon 5/26/20 number of on line devices tuned into Sunday service = 245  
D. Brooks - VPC treasurer - dxb38@cox.net - 520-399-3959      2020 Per Capita is \$46.00 per member