



May 23, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Allelujah
Judy Doerner, handbells

L. Cohen

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION *by Seasons of the Spirit* Sherry Barton, King & Amani Mukeba,
Jill Crawford, Michael Samara, John Floyd, & Tom Taylor

Come, from every corner of the earth,
from every time and place
from south and north
from east and west,
gather...
gather...
gather...
gather...
For the spirit of God is being poured out upon us
even now
in this place
wherever we are
upon the young and the old
the rich and the poor
the straight and gay
all of us, across all the lines we think divide us

All: upon each of us gathered.

so let us pray:

God we understand we have inherited the church from Peter and the others
who gathered so long ago on Pentecost in Jerusalem. So we ask, too, that we might be filled with that
same spirit.

To not take this call to celebration and worship lightly, for we know the Spirit changes things.
So may it animate us, leaving us no peace as individuals until Your justice and peace fill the earth,
just as the waters fill the seas.

Help us celebrate your love, with courage and with hope. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Rev. Elissa Johnk

* OPENING HYMN

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

NCH 273 vv.1,3-4

TIME OF UNBURDENING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASSING OF THE PEACE *Brother's Keeper*

Ana Ruesink, viola, and Andy Barker, guitar

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

READING Acts 2:1-21 Sifania Assumani

WORD OF GOD FOR (SM)ALL AGES Hilah Clarke and Dr. David Neiweem

SPECIAL MUSIC Dr. David Neiweem

SERMON

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* NCH 270

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Hannah Sachs

OFFERTORY

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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BIDDING TO MISSION AND SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian NCH 355 vv.1,4

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

German

**Please rise, as you are able, in body or in spirit*

