

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, May 23, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Romans 8:22-27)

Leader: We know that the whole of creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;

People: And not only the creation, but we ourselves who have the first fruits of the Spirit.

Leader: The Spirit helps us in our weakness;

People: For we do not know how to pray as we ought.

Leader: But that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

People: And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit;

Leader: Because the Spirit intercedes for the saints;

People: The Spirit intercedes according to the will of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Merciful God: our vision of Your justice is unclear, for we have been blinded by our glaring sins. We find it difficult to hear Your Holy Spirit speaking in our lives; for we have been deafened by our selfish concerns. Forgive us, O Lord, and awaken our senses that we may discern Your holy presence in our midst. Descend upon us so that we may have a sure hope for sanctified lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

ANTHEM SOLO

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove
Madelynne Banderman, soloist (11:00 service)

ST. AGNES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

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

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Curtis Christian

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Pentecost Offering

David Coleman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SOLO

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
Madelynne Banderman, soloist (11:00 service)

MORECAMBE

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today we will receive the Pentecost Offering.

This year, 40% of your Pentecost offering will be given to support the work of New Liberty Family Shelter here in Richmond. The young needy families for whom we prepare gifts at Christmas are provided a safe living environment in which to raise their children thanks to your gifts and the work of our sisters and brothers in Christ.