



# First Central Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 31, 2020

Pentecost

**Prelude**

Fugue in D minor

*J.S. Bach*

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Katie Miller

**\*Greeting and Passing of the Peace**

*"The Peace of God be with you."*

*In Unison:* **Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

*\* Let us rise in body or spirit.*

**Call to Worship**

Steve Jackson, liturgist

All you saints, Come and worship!

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

We praise God with one voice, one body,  
one church, one mind, one spirit.

**We are radiant with the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**\*Processional Hymn**

On Pentecost They Gathered

*Black Hymnal*, No. 272

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On Pentecost They Gathered

Acts 2:1-24, 32-47

Jane Parker Huber, 1981; rev. 199:

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,  
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed  
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,  
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as God in Christ they praised.  
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.  
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,  
 What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?  
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.  
 O give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.  
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.  
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

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## **\*Invocation**

God of Glory, you have gathered us this morning with your great gift of the Holy Spirit. May this service of worship and praise be worthy of your challenge to us. May we shine with power and love. Amen.

## **\*Gloria**

*Black Hymnal, No. 759*

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

## **Conversation with the Children**

### **Word in Music**

Sinfonia in D minor

*J.S. Bach*

### **New Testament Lesson**

Acts 2:1-21

For the Word of God in scripture,  
For the Word of God within us,  
For the Word of God among us,  
Thanks be to God.

### **Sermon**

The Day Had Come

Rev. Dr. Scott Jones

### **\* Hymn**

Come, O spirit, Dwell among Us

*Black Hymnal, No. 267*

EBENEZER

Acts 2:1-36; Exod. 13:18-22; Ps. 118:19-29

Janie Alford, 1979; alt.

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -  
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of  
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of

cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,  
 for - mer years: for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,  
 fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,

help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,  
 hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney  
 glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is  
 you have led us all the way, still in pres - ence  
 Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

called to mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.  
 move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.  
 loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

## **\*Prayer of Confession**

O God, we want to manage our own lives and assure our own safety. We are afraid that you will ask more of us than we are willing to risk. We want power on our own terms rather than through the unpredictable movements of your Holy Spirit. Fill us and forgive us, that we might find true life in you. Amen.

## **\*Words of Assurance**

God comes to those willing to wait, listen, and trust. The Spirit amazes and astonishes us. There is more to life than we can see and understand. God will fill us with power and glory.

## **Prayers**

Pastoral Prayer

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 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.

## **Offertory**

Sinfonia in D major

*J.S. Bach*

## **\*Hymn of Dedication**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit,  
Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **\*Offertory Prayer**

With these our earthly treasures, we bless you God. O Holy Fire of Love and Glory, we honor you all the days of our lives. As you have given yourself away to make us holy, we are blessed by giving ourselves away to you. Amen.

## **\*Recessional Hymn**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Black Hymnal, No. 286*

SPIRIT

Unison, brightly  
Refrain

James K. Manley, 1978;

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D *Last time, e.*

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the  
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a  
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient



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D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you  
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their  
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you  
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -  
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -  
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -  
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."  
 ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 ple on the rush of the wind.  
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont,

Tune: SPIRIT Irr. James K. Manley, 1978

## **\*Benediction**

### **Benediction Response**

*Bouma*

May you hear laughter in the wind. May you see hope in the light.  
May you find courage in your faith. May you know joy in your God.

### **Postlude**

Fugue in A minor

*J.S. Bach*

#### **Open & Affirming Statement**

In our ongoing quest for hearts that open, minds that understand,  
and lives that serve, we welcome into our fellowship, membership, leadership, and employment,  
all people, regardless of abilities, race, gender, sexual orientation, or any God-given characteristic.



## Announcements

**May 31, 2020**

**Prayers:** *Bud Cassidy*, recovering at home following a stroke (and subsequent surgery); *Tara Obner*, hospitalized with a fever.

**Chancel flowers and decorations:** sponsored this month by friends and family of First Central.

**Happy Birthday this week:** to *Kay Jensen, Linda Haubold, Will Kennedy, Marian Fey,* and *Judy Blazek*.

**Fair Trade Coffee:** sponsors this month are *Jeannie Bates, John & Nancy Schalles*.

**FIRSTKids:** 1 p.m. on Zoom. Kids through sixth grade.

**Strengthen the Church:** This special offering may be sent to the church office – please indicate in the memo line that it is for the Strengthen the Church offering.

### Activities for the Coming Week, June 1 – June 6

*Lectionary Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;  
Matthew 28:16-20.*

**Monday:** staff meeting, 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Bible study, 3 p.m. on Zoom

**Saturday:** First Forum, 10 a.m. on Zoom. *Economic and Justice Impacts*, presented by *John Else, Steve Jackson, and Tracy Zaiss*.

### Sunday, June 7

**Worship:** 10:30 a.m. on YouTube

**FIRSTKids:** 1 p.m. on Zoom. Kids through sixth grade.

**First Forum:** 3 p.m. on Zoom. *Biblical Israel*, led by *Deb Kirwan*.

**Food Pantry:** donations of DIAPERS are requested this month. Donations will be accepted at church – please call first. Checks may be mailed to First Central with “pantry/diapers” in the memo line.

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