

June 26, 2022
Third Sunday after Pentecost
10 A.M.

THE Gathering

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GATHERING

Welcome

Opening Song Set a Fire

Confession and Forgiveness

A wind from God blew over the face of the waters,
And the voice of God spoke from a burning bush.

Jesus breathed peace on the disciples,
And the Spirit of God, like little flames, rested on all who gathered.

So God's Spirit moves among us this day.

Let us worship God.

Sometimes we are like those disciples so long ago:

Huddled in fear of what others will think, of what others will do, of what God will do.

Sometimes we are like passive bystanders:

**Making fun of what we do not understand, tearing down what is sacred to another,
waiting until we are sure it's okay.**

Always God is with us:

**Nudging us like a gentle breeze, stirring us with flames of hope, speaking to us with
words engraved in our hearts.**

In silent prayer, let us offer God our confession and our hope.

(silence)

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service. In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:

We are forgiven Alleluia! Amen.

Worship Song Cornerstone

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your son, that, leaving behind all that

hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Dave Neumeister

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Reading Luke 9:51-62

Dave Neumeister

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their

own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.”⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Sermon Pastor Shari Ayers

Worship Song Blessings

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors.

God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict.

God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying. Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads.

God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence.

God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death.

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.
Amen.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

MEAL AND SENDING

Words of Institution

Loving God, you unite us through the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, and give us equal access to this forgiveness and new life found in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. In this sacrament, may we believe in the love and new life that we've been given from you.

In the night in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Prayer

Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

We continue to give thanks for your faithful giving. If you are worshiping in person, the offering basket is on the table by the entrance doors. You may also continue to give online (e-Giving tab on website) or by mailing or bringing your offering to the church office.

Ignite Faith Together

VISITORS – If you are visiting with us today, we warmly welcome you! And, we ask that you complete the visitor information form found inside your bulletin. You can drop it in the offering plate at the doors as you leave today.

WELCOME TABLE – Welcome Table is this coming Tuesday, June 28th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Please join us for food and fellowship.

Worship Song God of Wonders

Blessing and Dismissal

As you enter a new week, may you experience God's presence. May you feel God pouring out the Holy Spirit over your heads and your thoughts and the words of your lips, over your hearts and your feelings and emotions and your compassion for all others, and over your hands and your feet as you put into action all that God commands you. During this week, may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each of you.

Go in peace, empowered by the Holy Spirit to do good works.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Sympathies are expressed to Patti Lankenau on the death of her mother, Rita Miskimen, on June 21.

Prayers:

Kathy Jones, Diane Dammeyer, Carole Miller, Bob and Brigitte McKay, David Quist family, Kinzley Schmehl, Donna Crossman, Jeff Snyder, Lucille Buller, Russ Wheeler, Gloria Mortinger, John Moneysmith, Ralph Podas, Bob Duff, Ron and Peg Margello, Charlene Friedley, Marcia Bollinger, Donna Peltomaa, Rick Meister, Neal Scharrer, Richard Crawford, Lorraine Jurgensen, Marilyn Swisher, Duane Pride (Doug Pride's brother), Eileen Hurless (Marcie Edgell's sister), Myra Hurless (Marcie Edgell's niece), David Easterbrooks (Carol Bowman's friend), Dean Wheeler (Russ Wheeler's nephew), Carol Hauzie (Craig Hauzie's mother), Amanda Glassburn (Betty Schuette's granddaughter), Sam Walters (Sue Wolford's brother), Bruce and Mary Maurer (Nancy Hellickson's friends), Debbie Vanover (Sherry Buckley's sister), Gary Jones (Kay Labosky's brother), Chris Isaac (son of Paul and Susan Isaac, former members), Rose Myers (Robin Sohnly's cousin), Pasha Majdi (Steve and Jayne Rosandich's nephew-in-law), Tim Schwaderer (Andrea Ochall's brother), Rusty Thomas (Jim and Joanna Huffer's son-in-law), Alex Burrell (Marj Ellis' and Marchelle O'Grady's nephew), Mike Williams (Marchelle O'Grady's friend), Jack Husch (Meghan Stanco's father), Patti Bramson (Rick Kolloff's sister), Winifred Stutz (George Schmidt's friend), Cynamon Iden (Lauren Grangaard's cousin), Carol Keplinger (Charlene Friedley's daughter) Missionaries: John Rogers (Bratislava, Slovakia), Rev. David and Alicia Brondos (Mexico City, Mexico)

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