PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 31, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ
Gail Novak Mosites, soprano
Maurice Duruflé
Chorale Variations on “Veni Creator Spiritus”

OPENING WORDS
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive reading)
The Rev. Schoenewolf
Leader: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.
People: Come, Holy Spirit.
Leader: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.
People: Come, Holy Spirit.
Leader: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus’ disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.
People: Come, Holy Spirit.
Leader: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us as children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.
People: Come, Holy Spirit!

* HYMN #280
Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;
Give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
Still the church is called to mission that God’s love shall be made known.
We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;
For tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church’s pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;
Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.
Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

CALL TO CONFESSION
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your work for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! ¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Praise God!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-13

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Confirmands

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Sara Hackett

ANTHEM

“I’m Gonna Sing”  
André J. Thomas

Sing on! Dance on! Sing on! Pray on! Sing on! Shout on till the spirit says sing!

I’m gonna sing when the spirit says sing, and obey the spirit of the Lord!

I’m gonna pray when the spirit says pray, and obey the spirit of the Lord!

Sing on, brother, sing on! Shout on, sister, shout on!

I’m gonna shout when the spirit says shout, and obey the spirit of the Lord!

Recorded during worship on February 16, 2020

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:14-21

The Rev. Schoenewolf

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’
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SERMON
“This is Us”
The Rev. Schoenewolf

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Rev. Schoenewolf

HYMN #691
“Lord, When I Came Into This Life”
Confirmands

Land of Rest

Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;
Today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.
Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.
In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
Let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.
So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.

RECEPTION OF CONFIRMATION CLASS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER
The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

OFFERING INVITATION
The Rev. Dr. Bush

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HYMN #298 (vs. 1, 3, 5)
“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”
Abbot’s Leigh

Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.”
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: “This, my body; this, my blood.”
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
Asking that the world around us share your children’s liberty:
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION
The Rev. Schoenewolf
COME, O SPIRIT, DWELL AMONG US

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This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

TEXE: Janie Afford, 1979
MUSIC: Thomas John Williams, 1890
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EBENEZER
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Cornerstone, still the church is called to
all the way; still in presence move be-
mystery! We would sing our loud ho-
mis-sion that God’s love shall be made known.
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
sannas now and through et-ter-ni-ty.
LORD, WHEN I CAME INTO THIS LIFE

1 Lord, when I came into this life you
called me by my name; to-day I come, com-
mit myself, responding to your claim.

2 Within the circle of the faith, as
member of your cast, I take my place with
all the saints of future, present, past.

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tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spirit
give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.

4 So help me in my unbelief and
let my life be true: feet firmly planted
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.
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Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
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Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Watch Online • zoom.us/join  
meeting ID 293 707 645

Thursdays • 12-12:15 pm  
Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
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Participants In Today’s Service

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
Sara Hackett
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore  
Organist/Music Director  
Gail Novak Mosites, Cantor
Pre-recorded Musicians: ELPC Chancel Choir
A/V: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

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3 Lord, you make the common holy: "This, my body;" This, this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we
4 Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they for you so freely give. May your care and mercy serve as you intend, and, amid the cares that
5 Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you

United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.

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