

GATHERING WITH SONG AND PRAYER

RECEIVING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Trio “Andante con moto tranquillo” from *Trio in D minor*
Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

READING THE STORY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2: 1-21

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Sometimes you come with all the drama of Pentecost,
loud and clear, burning hot, moving us, shaking us.
Sometimes you come in far more subtle ways,
barely noticeable, faintly, quietly, gently warming or cooling us.
Sometimes you perplex us, and the dreams and visions you inspire
confuse us, or frighten us, because they’re strange or daunting.
Sometimes you clarify life, and the dreams and visions you inspire
illuminate our path, or encourage us because they’re so compelling.
We do not control how you come, or what you do to us, or for us,
when you come, we can only open our hearts and minds to you,
place complete trust in you, and say: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

***SINGING TOGETHER** *Come, O Spirit, with Your Sound* Black Hymnal 265

PRAYING FOR OURSELVES, ONE ANOTHER, AND THE WORLD

REFLECTING SILENTLY UPON OUR LIVES

In silence and stillness, reflect on who has arrived for worship this morning.
What thoughts and feelings, joys and concerns, have you brought with you?

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

If the Spirit is moving you to share a thought or feeling, joy or concern,
please do so now, so we may lift it together in prayer.

LIFTING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS IN PRAYER

PRAYING TOGETHER AS JESUS PRAYED (debts and debtors)

RECEIVING OUR CHOIR’S GIFT *Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*
Cox/Lindh

READING AND REFLECTING

READING FROM THE BIBLE

Psalm 93

REFLECTING

There was no word in Greek for “family”; “house” or “household” was its equivalent. *Oikia* involved three dynamics: people, resources, and the relationships among them. The house was the foundation of both politics (empire) and religion (church). Households (*oikia/oikos*) were constituted by persons relating to each other vis-à-vis the available resources. Until the third century everything considered under the rubric of *ekklesia* (church) took place in households. Until the nineteenth century everything involving house-ordering (*oikia nomos*) also revolved around the household; this *oikonomia* (economy) detailed the way persons related to each other vis-à-vis the resources available...Households defined community. No economy existed separate from the house.
Michael Crosby

OFFERING OURSELVES THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD

Trio “Presto” from *Kindertrio in F* Klengel

*PRAISING GOD

tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.

*DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND POSSESSIONS TO GOD

DEPARTING TO PRACTICE CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

***SINGING A HYMN** *Let Us Build A House* Red Hymnal 301

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

***SENDING SONG** *Go Forth into the World in Peace* Rutter

***PARTING WITH A SONG** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Spirituality is recognizing and celebrating that we are all inextricably connected to each other by a power greater than all of us, and that our connection to that power and to one another is grounded in love and compassion.
Brene Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see Nodie Murphy to sign up for a Sunday to share your **Worship Gift** with us this summer.

After worship today, **Rene Slataper** will lead a discussion called **Transgender 101**. In it, he'll discuss being trans, gender, bodies, assigned gender, transgender, gender diverse, non-binary, cisgender, sexuality and gender, transitioning, and language. Any and all questions are encouraged.

The **Dialogue Institute of Austin** has invited our church to participate in an **Iftar Dinner** with our Muslim sisters and brothers as they observe Ramadan. We will gather with them this **Tuesday, May 22**, at the **Raindrop Turkish House** on 12400 Amherst Drive between **7:00 and 7:30 pm**, and they will serve the meal at **8 pm**.

The **South Central Conference Annual Meeting** will be held from **Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2**, at Camp Allen in Navasota, TX. The theme is: Gospel Bound. To register, go to <https://sccucc.org/annual-meeting/>

After worship on **Sunday, June 3**, those interested will gather to review our **outreach and justice ministry** using Joanna Macy's typology of holding actions, structural change, and transformation of consciousness

On **Sunday, June 10**, we'll be gathering after worship to reflect together on the **Holy Spirit**, and how the Holy Spirit has inspired us in the course of our lives.

On **Saturday, June 16**, St. John United Methodist Church (2140 Allendale Road) will host a **One Human Race Workshop** from 9 am to 5:30 pm. This free workshop provides a safe, open and productive place to learn and share about race. The workshop leaders will use the PBS series: "Race, the Power of an Illusion," brief presentations about concepts related to the American concept of race, and group sharing with trained group leaders. Snacks and lunch will be provided. The workshop is free but you should register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/one-human-race-tickets-45576295928?ref=elink>

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Coord Council, Thu, May 31, 7:15 pm, at the Bodmans'

PARTICIPATING TODAY

Ushers Ruth Koenig and Jo Jensen
Scripture Reader Faye Dierksen
Fellowship Host Deacons

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The **Adult Christian Education Group** meets Sundays at 10:00 am on the 2nd floor.

Middle School and High School Students remain in the service the first Sunday of each month; other Sundays their Sunday School begins after the "Time With Children."

Elementary Sunday School is held during the 11:00 am service, immediately following "Time With Children." The children will be escorted from the Sanctuary to the 2nd floor Christian Education room, and can be picked up from there after the service.

Infant and Toddler Care is available throughout the service in the Nursery.

Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.

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May 20, 2018
Pentecost Sunday



Let Us Build a House
Where All Are Welcome

Let us build a house
where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
all are welcome.
Let us build a house
where all are named, their songs and visions
heard and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
all are welcome.

Marty Haugen