

Today's Worship  
June 5, 2022  
Pentecost Sunday

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME** Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor and People

L: In the midst of difficult times, we have new life from Christ.

**P: When we think that there is no hope, God offers us healing love.**

L: Come, let us praise the God of new life.

**P: Let us sing and shout for joy.**

L: Let us worship the One who is with us forever.

**P: Thanks be to God for all God's blessings. AMEN.**

**MUSIC** **Send Your Spirit** All

Brian Doerksen and Carl Tuttle, 1992

Here we are  
Standing before You a people in need  
Have Your way  
Rule us with mercy and lead us with grace

Send Your Spirit  
Filling ev'ry heart  
Send Your Spirit  
Renewing the face of the earth

We need You  
To come walk beside us revealing Your truth  
As we go  
Fill us with compassion and teach us Your ways

**MUSIC** **Spirit of the Living God** All

Spirit of the Living God  
Fall fresh on me  
Spirit of the Living God  
Fall fresh on me  
Melt me mold me  
Fill me use me  
Spirit of the Living God  
Fall fresh on me

**OPENING PRAYERS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Rev. Karen Hoyt

The petitions are followed by:

**ALL: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Hoyt

**LORD'S PRAYER** All

**Our Father, which 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.**

**THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE** Acts 2:1–12 (NRSV) Rev. Hoyt

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 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. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. 5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

**MUSIC** **Fresh Fire** McEver Singers  
(Please join us on the chorus)

Fresh fire let it fall  
O God hear our call  
Send Your Spirit like a rushing wind  
We need fresh fire

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** Rev. Dr. Bruce

**SERMON** **The Plains of Hesitation**

**THE EUCHARIST**

**CONFESSION** Rev. Hoyt

**ABSOLUTION**

**THE INVITATION** Rev. Dr. Bruce

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Hoyt: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Rev. Hoyt: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Rev. Hoyt: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
Rev. Hoyt: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your Word. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit descended upon him and declared him your beloved Son. With your Spirit upon him he turned away the temptations of sin. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time has come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit, your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and

living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood and empowered by the gifts of the Spirit. By your Sprit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world, showing forth the fruit of the Sprit until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**MUSIC Standing on the Promises**

Standing on the promises of Christ my King  
Through eternal ages let his praises ring  
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing  
Standing on the promises of God

Chorus  
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God ,my Savior  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord  
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword  
Standing on the promises of God

Standing on the promises I cannot fall  
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all  
Standing on the promises of God.

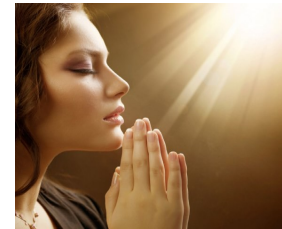
**DEPART TO SERVE**

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Hoyt: Bless us and lift us up, O Lord. As we go from this place, give us courage and strength to witness to your love and power. For we ask it in Jesus' name. AMEN.

**All: We go forth to Love Christ, Love People, and Help People Love Christ.**

**McEver Rd Church is Praying For:**  
Family of Bill Daumen (Ed Kern's brother-in-law)  
Family of Celeste Mullins (Trisha Cooper's sister)  
Nancy Updegrove (broken hip)



**Continued Prayers For:**

Pat Adams, Margie Barron, Noel and Betsy Bassett, Jim Burton, Brandon Cartledge, Judy and Max Chosewood, Jan Christian, Gary Clark, Terry Dale, Wayne Davidson, Natalie Donatelli, Walter P. Emerson Family, Carolyn and Lloyd Evans, Martha Farr, Dick Fleming, Shari Gwaltney, Linda Hollimon, Jill Johnson, Luci King, Michele Lecorchic, Carolyn Lindsley, Thomas Lindsley, Vivian Mills, Mark Mobarry, Paul Mobarry, Jeff Palulis, Fern Patterson, Jean Pool, Red Bird Mission, Carol and Martha Shay, Lloyd and Florence Smee, Tom Sorrells, Andrea Steptowe, Kya Strickland, Jerry Thompson, Connie Towe, Barbara Vogt, Sharon Walton, Bob Wilder, Mike Wofford, Linda Yocom, John Young, all those fighting cancer

**Our Service Men and Women:**

Ryan Cantrell, Breanna Cantrell, Christian Edens, Maribel Edens, Robby Harrison, Travis Hutchinson, Kiernan Kane, Mason McDaniel, Kendall Payne, Zachary Peterson, Darrell Scales

**Missionaries:**

Ashley Johnson, Christie and Rick Krueger, Ann Milligan, Zonia Mucun

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**Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar today are given by Lloyd and Florence Smee in honor of their 55th anniversary and Lee and Sandy Smee's 25th anniversary.

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*Loving Christ Loving People Helping People Love Christ*

***Welcome! We're Glad You're Here!***



We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, filthy rich, dirt poor. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Methodist than Asbury, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion;" we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts and you!

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