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Sixth Sunday after Easter
May 10, 2026
8:30 am

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.
If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby
contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship.
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering

The Way, The Truth, and the Life
Spirit of Praise

Ferguson, Maxwell, and Louis

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

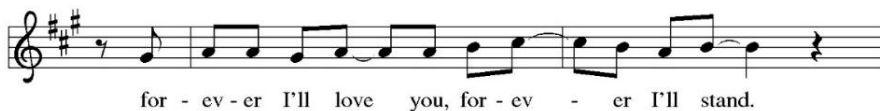
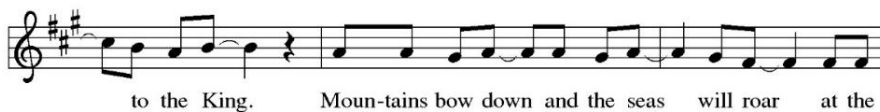
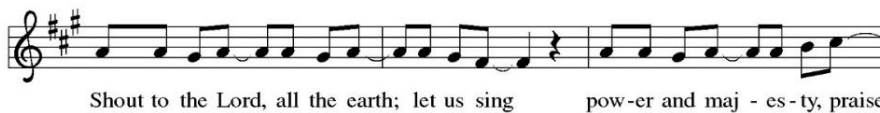
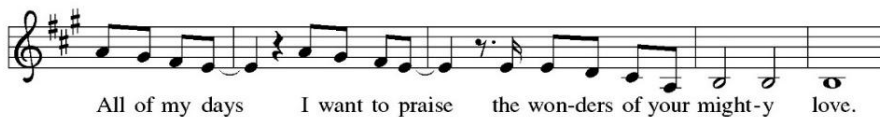
Invitation to Worship

We do not worship alone. The Father has given us another Advocate to help us and be with us forever – the Spirit of truth. Let us worship the One who dwells within us. Let us celebrate the love of the Father, the life of the Son, and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Gathering Dialog

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”
**Risen Lord, give us your Advocate, the Spirit of truth,
to abide in us as we abide in you.**

Jesus said, “I will not leave you orphaned:
I am coming to you.”
**Risen Lord, we will watch for your coming.
Because you live, we will live in you.**



Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

We pray. Holy One,
thank you for the promise that we are never alone. Help us to show our love for you by following your ways and living with kindness. Let your Holy Spirit stay close to our hearts today. Even when things feel uncertain, remind us that you are living within us and that we belong to you. Thank you for the comfort of knowing we are your children and that you will never leave us behind.
Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

Reading Acts 17:22-31

Translation: NRSVue

A reading from Acts.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel John 14:15-21

Translation: NRSVue

The Good News from John, the 14th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Shari Duminy

We rise in body or spirit.



1 Shout for joy loud and long, God be praised with a song! To the Lord
 2 By God's word all was made, heav'n and earth, light and shade, na-ture's won -
 3 Yet our pride makes us fall; so Christ came for us all— not the righ -
 4 Now has Christ tru - ly ris'n, and his Spir - it is giv'n to all those



we be - long: chil-dren of our mak - er, God the great life giv - er.
 ders dis-played, we to rule cre - a - tion from its first foun-da - tion.
 teous to call— by his cross and pas - sion, bring - ing us sal - va - tion.
 un - der heav'n who now walk be - side him, though they once de - nied him.

Refrain



Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!



God is love, God is light, God is ev - er - last - ing!

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

After each petition:

Spirit of Truth,
receive our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,
"Peace be with you."*

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.
If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the
tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.*

Offering Song

Commonwealth Is God's Commandment Verse 1

ACS 1036



1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

Offering Prayer

We pray. Gracious God, you purify us and wash us in the waters of our baptism. In gratitude and thanksgiving, we return these gifts to you that they may bring hope and light to a world in need.

Amen

We rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

Search for God, seekers of the way.
Where shall we go to find what we seek?

Grope for truth, disciples of wisdom.
Where shall we look for answers?

Listen for God's Word.
We will listen with the Spirit's help.

Help us hear your voice that we may respond with our very lives.
Teach us your commandment of love, that we may walk in your ways
and reveal your presence to the world.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of children of God, we pray:

**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**

Invitation to the Table

Come to this table, where you are known as God's beloved child.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song

Here Is Bread

ELW 483

VERSE

C G/B Am E7 F/A C/G G F/A Am G/B

1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.
 2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, He is with us.
 3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, He is with us.

5 C G/B Am E7 F/A C/G G C Fm/C C Gm7 Bb/C

1 2,3

Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us here. here.
 Know His grace, find His peace, feast on Je - sus fied.
 We'll pro - claim, 'til He comes, Je - sus cru - ci

CHORUS

Fmaj7 F6 Em7 Am7 Dm7 Gm7 Bb/C C Bb/D C/E Fmaj7 F#dim

In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup there's life for-ev - er. In this mo-ment,

15 Em7 Aaug7 Dm7 G7 C D.C. C

1 2

by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here. here.



1 *La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la*
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



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 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



rá; la paz del Se - ñor a ti ya
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 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.



1 Come, share the Spir - it, God has called us to ven - tures
 2 Come, drown your sins be - neath the wa - ters where life flows
 3 Come, God in - vites us to the ban - quet that ev - 'ry
 4 Come, let us tell the gos - pel sto - ry, how God has



in the life of faith, to bring good tid - ings to the
 from the gran - ite rock, the stone from which our Lord has
 peo - ple soon will share, with shouts of joy and loud thanks -
 giv - en us new birth and rais - es us to live for



need - y, to tell of vic - t'ry o - ver death.
 ris - en, our cor - ner - stone and build - ing block.
 giv - ing be - fore God's throne we will ap - pear.
 oth - ers, to speak good news through - out the earth.



Christ speaks and all of life is new;
 Christ speaks and rais - es from the dead
 Christ speaks and bids us sit and dine;
 Christ speaks and life is come a - gain.



God's word is pure and it is true.
 all those who hear the liv - ing Word.
 his bod - y, bread, his blood, the wine.
 Good news, good news for ev - 'ry - one!

We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after Communion

We pray. Lord Jesus,
we thank you for the gift of this table and for the nourishment of your presence.
You have promised that you will not leave us as orphans,
but that you come to us even now through your Spirit.
As we leave this place, help us to show our love for you not just in words,
but by keeping your commandments and walking in your ways.
We thank you for the Spirit of Truth, our Advocate,
who dwells within us and guides us when the world cannot see.
Because you live, we live also. May we remain in your love –
conscious that you are in the Father, we are in you, and you are in us.
Let the peace of this communion sustain us until we meet again.
Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Go forth into the world, not as orphans, but as children held in the steady embrace
of the Father. May the Spirit of Truth dwell within you, providing comfort when you
are weary and clarity when the path is dim. As you have received the commandment
to love, may you carry that love into every corner of your life, knowing that the
One who promised to return is already standing beside you.
Amen

Sending Song *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

Go forth in the peace of Christ, keeping his commandments in love
and resting in the promise that the Spirit of truth dwells within you,
for you are never orphaned and he is always with you.
Thanks be to God.



1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

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