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Pentecost Sunday – May 28, 2023

THE GATHERING

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Choral Call to Worship

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Prelude

Debbie Watson

Welcome & Call to Worship

Dr. Mark Bender

Opening Hymn

On Pentecost They Gathered

No. 237

***On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire a glowing inspired each person there.***

***The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.***

***God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.***

***O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so people of all nations glad songs of joy shall raise.***

Opening Prayer

Claire Baer

THE PROCLAMATION

Scripture Reading

John 7:37-39

Claire Baer

Pentecost Prayer & Lord's Prayer

No. 240

Brooke Reid

Spirit of God, we have gathered together in this place to pray, and to make ourselves ready for your coming.

Give us faith,

that when you come like the wind, though we do not see you, yet we may hear what you are saying to us and discern your movement.

Give us courage, that we may not fear the tongues of flame:

let all that is unworthy, impure, and sinful be burned from our lives. May we know that it is love that burns so brightly and love that strips away our sin.

Give us an open mind, Lord, that the truth you bring may make its home with us:

truth to set us free, truth to guide us and inform us, truth to lead us in the way of your will.

Give us an open heart, Lord,

that we may seek all people for your realm, and set no limits to the proclaiming of your word.

Holy Spirit, with the whole church we wait for you in every place and in every generation.

Come, wind. Come, fire. Come, truth. Come, love. In Jesus' name, we pray:

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

Anthem

Come, Holy Spirit, Into Our Hearts – Handel/Schweizer

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Speaking About The Spirit

Dr. Mark Bender

THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

No. 392

***Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name,
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them;
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now your garment's hem.***

***As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya, so now bind our friendship up.***

***All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluya! Alleluya, we will serve with faith anew.***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Craig Reynolds

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

John Cook & Emily Wilson

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

THE OFFERING

Moment for Mission

Dr. Mark Bender

Offertory

Come, Holy Spirit, Come – Wolff

Women of the Chancel Choir

Doxology

No. 46

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

Offertory Prayer

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Brooke Reid

Closing Hymn

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart – vs. 1, 3 & 4

No. 265

***Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.***

***Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear:
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.***

***Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven descended Dove.
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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Memorials and Honors

In memory of Debbi Schmidt given by Donni Benson & Carla Brown.

In memory of La Nell Hogan (mother of Jim Hogan) given by Dan & Carole Davis.

In honor of Maggie Ross given by Kerry & Sharon Roach.

Sermon Notes

1. Instrument practice

2. The day of Pentecost

3. A standard part

4. The issue with my sprinkler system

5. Becoming aware

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CALENDAR

Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday / Pentecost Special Offering		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
9:30 am	Journey Through Scripture	Parlor
10:45 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary/ Livestream
5:00-7:00 pm	Young Disciples & Youth Pool Party (Grades K-12)	Smith's Pool 3200 Hamilton
Monday, May 29 Memorial Day		
	Church Building, Offices & All Programs Closed	
Tuesday, May 30		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life,	Rooms 304-308
Wednesday, May 31		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
12:00 pm	Evangelism Ministry Meeting	Room 310
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	The Neighborhood Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	The Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	First Kidz (Pre-K-5)	Room 402
6:00 pm	Youth Bible Study (Grades 6-12)	Room 305
7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (Grades 9-Adults)	4902 Andria
Thursday, June 1		
Friday, June 2		
9:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
Saturday, June 3		

Family Afternoon with the Rangers!



Get the whole family together and join your church family for an afternoon of watching baseball. On Saturday, July 15, we will travel to Globe Life Field in Arlington to watch the Texas Rangers take on the Cleveland Guardians. First pitch will be at 3:05 pm and tickets are \$30 each (located in the outfield mezzanine in Right Field). Please RSVP at firstchristianwf.com/rangers by Sunday, June 11.

Interfaith Outreach Services

Pantry Sunday

The **June** items are jelly and cans of beans (NOT green beans). **Interfaith is in need of regular size paper grocery sacks.** You may drop off any of the monthly requested items or paper sacks at any time in the large box on the porch by the Chapel entrance. If you would like to support Interfaith with a financial gift, you may mail your donation to Interfaith (1101 11th St., Wichita Falls, TX 76301), or donate on their website.

Stretch Class

Wednesdays
at 1:00 pm
In the Parlor.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study!

Friday, June 9

7:00 am, Hwy Café,
2808 Jacksboro Hwy.

