

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15 (New Revised Standard Version)

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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Oaklette United Methodist Church

"God's Body in this Community"

"Oaklette United Methodist Church through worship, education, and outreach, seeks to make the gospel of Jesus Christ real, as we minister to all people."

Spirit of Truth Ministries

"The Truth' serving the Community"

"The church that walks in truth, and the church that talks in truth."

May 20 2018 ~ 11:00 A.M.

Pentecost Sunday

*If you are visiting us today, we welcome you. We are grateful we have found each other. And, if somehow, there is something in you, some still small voice seeking a place to live out your faith, to ask important questions, and to serve beyond yourself, we invite you into our community. For more information about the church or membership, please contact Dr. Tim (see above for contact information) or text him at 757.373.0005. A nurturing and well-supervised nursery is available for infants and young children. Please ask an usher for further assistance and direction to this room. Royal Kid's (a children's church experience) is offered for children in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade. Children will be directed to leave during the singing of the first hymn. **As the Prelude begins, let us quiet our voices and cell phones as we prepare our hearts and spirits for worship.***

[+] = Invites persons to stand as they are able.

Prelude

"Holy Spirit"

– Dana Moody

(Acolytes will light the candles during the Prelude)

+Praise Introit

– Spirit of Truth Ministry

Greetings, Announcements, Joys & Concerns and the +Passing of the Peace

(Please sign and pass the blue Welcome Pads at this time.)

(Whenever the risen Jesus appeared to disciples, he said, "Peace be with you." These are Jesus' words we share with one another. Jesus promises to be with us; and greeting each other with a touch reminds us Jesus is present.)

+Hymn

"Spirit of Faith, Come Down"

#332

A Prayer for Pentecost (in unison)

On Pentecost Day long ago, your great Spirit, O God, came upon the saints in Jerusalem. May your Spirit come upon us and our communities of faith here this day. We welcome the flame and light of your Spirit here in this place today. Renew us with an energized faith and affirm us as your people here to worship and celebrate with strength, courage and hope in Christ.

We pray this and all our prayers in the name of the One who taught us to pray...

[The Lord's Prayer #895]

Choral Anthem "Spirit, Falling Like a Dove" – Chancel Choir

An Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

We sing of God the Spirit,
who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,
animating all energy and matter
and moving in the human heart.

We sing of God the Spirit,
faithful and untamable,
who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.

The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy
not only in what is familiar,
but also in that which seems foreign.

We sing of the Spirit,
who speaks our prayers of deepest longing
and enfolds our concerns and confessions,
transforming us and the world.

We offer worship
as an outpouring of gratitude and awe
and a practice of opening ourselves
to God's still, small voice of comfort,
to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.

Through word, music, art, and sacrament,
in community and in solitude,
God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.

Congregational Response "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" #334

The Presentation of Our Gifts to the Lord

Offertory "Holy Spirit, Rain Down" – Dana Moody

†Doxology #95

†Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Your abundance is without measure and cannot be defined or contained,
gracious Lord. It spills out, overflowing into our world and our lives. We thank you

and praise you for the wondrous gifts of your Spirit. May these offerings contribute
to the peace and wholeness of your creation. Amen.

†Hymn "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" #500

Scripture Lesson John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15 (NRSV)

(After the scripture is read, the leader will say: "This is the Word of God for the people of God..."

And the people shall respond: "Thanks be to God!")

Sermon "Trekking" – Dr. Tim Hazlett

†Hymn "Build Your Kingdom Here" (On Screen)

†Benediction (responsively)

Lay Reader: As we go now to our daily living, may the Spirit come to us in
new and exciting ways:

People: as a gentle whisper, in dreams, in silence, in prayer;

Lay Reader: as a strong wind, in lives filled with love and compassion;

People: as a mighty storm, in exuberant hearts of joy.

Lay Reader: So let us go now, filled with the Spirit all our days!

People: Amen.

†Choral Response "Spirit of the Living God" – Chancel Choir

†Postlude "Set a Fire" – Dana Moody

