*The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn #280

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

*Postlude



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship

Opening Sentences

Elder Danielle Sills

Leader: As they gathered to hear the Word proclaimed on that first Pentecost, All: so, too, we gather today to celebrate the coming of the Spirit.

Leader: Awe came upon the community of faith as they encountered the living Lord.

All: Make us aware, Holy Spirit, of the majesty and awe of God's continuing presence. Let us worship God!

*Hymn #408

"There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*Unison Prayer of Confession

God of rushing wind and dancing flames, we confess that we have too often resisted the urgings of the Spirit and turned away from those who are different. You seek to enlarge our understanding and bridge our divides, but we cling to that which is comfortable and known. We have hoarded our resources out of fear rather than following the example of your earliest church and sharing with all as any have need. Forgive our lack of trust in You. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, personally and as the church, as on that first Pentecost. Embolden us to live renewed and transformed lives as disciples of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The good news and blessed truth is this: God's Spirit is already here and at work in each of us personally and communally.

All: Even now our mistakes and sins have fallen away and we are seen by God and claimed as God's own beloved.

Leader: Friends, hear and trust the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

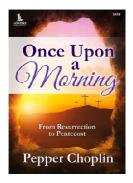
*Gloria Patri

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Pentecost Cantata "Once Upon a Morning" (see insert for words and music)

by Pepper Choplin



GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory **"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"** arr. Lloyd Larson

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Notes and Announcements

*Please join the minister for our weekly Bible Study on Monday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and Wednesday morning, May 24 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 304 and via Zoom. This week we will read and talk about Philippians 1:3-11.

*We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Charlie and Barbara Swetits on the death of Charlie's father in New Jersey on Monday, May 15.

*The family of Shirley Carlton would like to thank our congregation for the many prayers, meals, cards, gifts, support and encouragement during our mom's health journey and recent home going. We are so blessed and grateful to be a part of a loving and caring community.

*Notice: Please pick up your dishes in the kitchen by Sunday, June 4. All dishes left after June 4 will be donated.

For Children:

- *A nursery is provided every Sunday for ages 0 to 3
- * Children's Church will resume in September for agse 4 through 2nd grade
- *Children ages 3 through grade 5 meet in the music room on Sunday mornings for children's music from 10:00-10:30 through May 28

*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given by the Maready and White families in honor of Phil and Nancy Gladden and their dedication and compassionate service to our congregation for twenty-five years.