

11:00 a.m.                      **Pentecost Sunday**  
Memorial Day Weekend                      May 28, 2023

Entering God’s Presence

Welcome and Life in the Community

\*Hymn 331                      **God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand**                      NATIONAL HYMN

\*Expressing of Joy

*Leader: God says, “Listen to me in silence. Let the people renew their strength.”*  
*People: As we draw near to God, we draw near to each other, helping our neighbors and saying to each other, “Take courage!”*  
*Leader: We are God’s servants, God’s friends gathered from the ends of the earth, called from its farthest corners, to whom God says,*  
*People: “I have chosen you; fear not, I am with you.”*  
*Leader: In thankfulness for God’s presence and our strength renewed,*  
*People: We rejoice!*  
*Leader: May the Lord be with you.*  
*People: And also with you.*  
*Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)*

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God’s Forgiveness (unison)

*Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength.*

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

The Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Hymn 337                      **My Country, ‘Tis of Thee**                      AMERICA

Genesis 11:1-9 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 8 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem                      **Offertory** (Micah 6:6-8)                      John Ness Beck

Acts 8:26-40 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 119 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon                      **God’s Truth Breaking In ~ Being Human**                      The Rev. Vance E. Polley

\*The Apostle’s Creed (*Traditional Version*, Page 35) and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)

*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.*

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\*At the Presentation                      **Doxology** (No. 606)                      OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *The Lord’s Prayer*

*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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

\*Hymn 338                      **O Beautiful for Spacious Skies**                      MATERNA

\*Benediction

\*Going Out into the World

\*Those that are able, please stand.