

**You Are Always Welcome Here  
Just As You Are!**



*"Receive the Holy Spirit."*  
*John 20:22*

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**May 24, 2020**

**Drive In Worship** – Next Sunday, May 31st (Pentecost) we will have “Drive-In” worship service at 9:00 am and 11:00 am in the church parking lot. This will be similar to our Easter Drive-In Worship Services and be broadcast on the radio for those parked for worship. For everyone’s safety, social distancing will be practiced and we ask that no one gets out of their car or come into the church building, **please do not bring anyone in your car that is not a member of your household.** We hope if you are able we can join to worship together. All are welcome; it will be good to see you all.

**Giving Option** – **Thank you so much for your continued tithing through Simply giving and via mail.** As a member of Memorial, you now have another option for giving. You can use the Vanco GivePlus Online program to setup one-time or recurring payments. This option is ideal for those who are not currently enrolled in the Simply Giving program or that want to donate any additional payments. Let us know if you have any questions about the program. *If you don’t want to take advantage of these options, please continue to send in checks to Memorial to the extent you are able.*

**As we are still moving forward with building work, thank you for staying committed to your giving to the Capital Campaign.**

**The church office will be closed tomorrow, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day!**

<b>Contributions Needed Per Week:</b>	\$6,307.25
<b>Contributions Received Last Week:</b>	\$7,075.00
<b>Contributions Pledged thru 4-30-2020:</b>	\$91,541.56
<b>Contributions Received thru 4-3-2020:</b>	\$86,556.35

**May 24, 2020**

**Gather**

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters. Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

**C. God who searches us and knows us, you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P. Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; †your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven. Amen.

**Opening Song: Blessed Assurance (ELW 638)**

**1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**Refrain:**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]**

**3 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
[Refrain]**

**Greeting**

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

## Kyrie ELW Setting 8

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, every day.**

**1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

**2 That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

**3 For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

**4 For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.**

**Song of Praise: Peace is flowing  
Peace is flowing like a river. Flowing out through you and me.  
Flowing out into the desert, Setting all the captives free.**

## Prayer of the Day

A. Lord God, through Christ you have given us peace that the world cannot give. Let your Spirit of truth abide with us so that we may live in hope, grow in faith, and keep your commandments of love; in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

## Word

Acts 2:1-21 New International Version (NIV)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues<sup>[a]</sup> as the Spirit enabled them. <sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> Some, however,

made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.<sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> “In the last days, God says I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. <sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billow of smoke. <sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. <sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

#### 1 Cor 12:3b-13 New International Version (NIV)

Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. <sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,<sup>[a]</sup> and to still another the interpretation of tongues.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. <sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by<sup>[c]</sup> one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

#### **Gospel Acclamation: Spirit Of The Living God TFBF 101**

**Spirit of the living God fall fresh on me. Spirit of the living God fall fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God fall fresh on me.**

#### **John 20:19-23 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

<sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

## Children's Message

## Sermon

### **Sermon May 24, 2020-- Rev. A.N. Mary Adelsberger**

They are some people in this world that just have that extra something...is it charm? You know the folks I'm talking about? People who walk into a room and the place becomes alive? They're magnetic in their pull as they begin to talk and walk around. That something special about them talks to the very heart of everyone they touch. They command your attention just by their very essence. I know you're thinking about examples right now; who comes to your mind? Is it a political personality? Kennedy, Regan, Princess Diana, DeWine? Is it a celebrity like Elvis, Travolta, or Depp? Is it a religious leader like the Pope, Billy Graham, or Mother Teresa? Who is it that when they talk, you stop and listen and drink in their every word? Some people are so charismatic, charming, even electrifying that they have the power to change the atmosphere of a room?

This morning in our gospel, we see one of those electric moments of the most charismatic people in our world, past, present and future, the Son of God. His mere presence in that upper room transformed everything. Instantly, with Jesus' presence things went from negative to positive. With Jesus in the room there came courage and faith where there once was fear and doubt. With Jesus in the room there was laughter and joy where once there had been sorrowing and despair.

Today, I want to proclaim that what Jesus was able to do in that upper room so long ago, He wants to do in our lives now. When Jesus is invited in we experience seasons of joy, peace, transformation, courage. He doesn't just change the atmosphere in the room, He changes the atmosphere of our lives and it is the only lasting change that we can ever experience.

Here in the upper room Jesus' presence ushers in a state of peace and harmony. We know this, we have heard it talked about again and again in history. We have experienced it ourselves.

We love stories that are all about total transformation. That's why reality TV is so immensely popular. We love the Biggest Loser, the Butterfly Makeover, American Idol. Such stories appeal to the depths of our being. Music does that as well. Last week and this week we sing Horatio Spafford's song, IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL because it resonates with us. The words lift us. The background of this song is really touching. By the late 1860's, Horatio's family was climbing up the social ladder in Chicago.

Through hard work they were out among the social elite. Horatio was both a successful lawyer and businessmen. The sky was the limit. Fame and fortune were on their doorstep.

Then came the great Chicago Fire of 1871. Horatio's growing empire was devastated. Much of his real estate had been engulfed by the flames. But the young lawyer was not defeated. He immediately set about remaking his fortune and rebuilding his kingdom. At first things were going well but then in 1873 he was smacked again, this time it was a sudden economic downturn. First the fire and now a recession. The future did not look good for Horatio and his family.

The family had already planned to take a European trip for a time of recreation and respite before this last turn of events. However, some pressing zoning concerns looked like it would derail their plans. To ensure the vacation, Horatio sent his wife and four girls ahead of him, while he would take care of the zoning issues. It was his hope that he would catch up with them in a few weeks on another ship. Then they could all enjoy some time of rest and relaxation.

Tragically, that reunion never occurred. The boat carrying his family was broadsided by another ship resulting in the death of 226 passengers and crew. All four of Horatio's daughters were lost at sea. Only Anna, his brokenhearted wife survived. As soon as possible she sent word of what happened to her husband. Horatio immediately boarded a boat to be with his grieving wife. She needed him much more than his business needed him. Both of their hearts were broken. First there was the fire, then the recession and now death. Their lives were in a shambles.

On the voyage to France, Horatio asked the ship's captain to inform him when they would pass by the area where the accident had occurred. He wanted to take a moment and honor his four girls. Horatio was seeking a moment of connection as well as closure. He was full of anxiety, brokenhearted and full of despair.

But then Jesus came over his soul. For it was here looking over the waters where his daughters had plunged to their deaths that Horatio was inspired to begin to write the Song - IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL. Over the same waters that covered their watery graves, Jesus began to fill his heart with peace and courage. Horatio knew God had not abandoned him, but that God was right there with him. Horatio knew that God would be with him and Anna, no matter what the future would hold.

History tells us that Horatio and his wife had other children. With God's help they rebuilt their lives. In their later years they founded the American Colony in Jerusalem. There they constructed and partnered with soup kitchens, hospitals and orphanages. God had taken their fear, their sorrow and had given them peace. God had given them a new place to pour out their lives. Not among the elite of Chicago but among the poor and needy of Jerusalem.

For the disciples, the Spafford's, and for us there is a common underlying theme - that of Jesus. All of them found themselves alone, afraid and fearing the future. There is nothing wrong with fear - at times it is healthy. But unchecked fear will try to dominate our lives. The Devil will use fear to destroy us. He tried to do that with the disciples, and he will try to do it to us.

When you find yourself afraid - look around you - call on Jesus for He will be in your midst. He will come and bring peace. He will come and take away despair and replace it with courage. Peace wasn't the only gift Jesus' presence ushered in that day for we see in verse 20 that Jesus' Presence brought great JOY. Peace and joy filled that little house where we find the disciples today - because Jesus was in their midst. Joy replaced fear and sorrow because of Jesus being there. Joy, laughter and celebration filled the air. Worship is that celebration.

In other words - in our churches there should be a spirit of joy, of laughter and celebration. For in the Church there is life - in the world there is death. In the Church there is peace and joy - in the world there is sorrow, pain and despair.

But without Jesus - the Church will look and feel forlorn. Without Jesus these disciples were full of gloom, heartache and despair. Without Jesus they could only hide and lock their doors. But with Jesus - there is JOY. There is a spirit of enjoyment, there is an atmosphere of praise. Rejoice always! Because this is not a one-time experience. Jesus breathes on them the Holy Spirit.

Jesus brought them more than just a momentary state of peace and joy. Jesus understood that the disciples needed more than just a good Lord's Day. They needed more than just a Holy Ghost goose bump experience. They needed His Spirit to be breathed into them.

Breath. It's such a simple thing, but in all its mundanity, without it we die. God breathed over the waters and creation forms in Genesis 1. In Genesis 2 we read of where God breathes into a lump of clay and Adam becomes a living soul. In Ezekiel 37 we read where God breathes new life into a valley of dry, dead bones. And now Jesus breathes into these men and gives them==New Life, New Power, New Presence.

Now the disciples don't have to live under their own power they are new people filled with the breath of God—with the Holy Spirit, empowered to change the world.

This morning, Jesus' Presence and the breath of the Spirit makes all the difference. In place of doubt, fear and despair - Jesus will bring peace, courage and faith. In the place of sorrow - Jesus will bring great joy. In the place of loneliness - Jesus will breath upon us and in us - His Holy Spirit - to lead, guide and transform us from the inside out. In the place of transgressions and sins - Jesus will bring healing and forgiveness. He

will usher in mercy and grace and freedom. In a life without direction - Jesus invites us to a life of adventure.

Where is Jesus right now in Your Life? Are you at peace? Are you experiencing true joy? Are you filled with His Holy Spirit? Are you free of all your sins? Are you enjoying your adventures with Jesus?

Pause with me a moment, (you can do this at any moment later on) and invite the Spirit in. Take a breath, and release it. Breathe in the Spirit and breathe out sorrow, loneliness, despair, fear. Breathe in courage, joy, power. Breathe on us breath of God. Holy Spirit fill us anew. Give us peace, Give us joy, Give us power. The power to change our lives and the lives around us.

### **Song Spirit of Gentleness ELW 396**

**Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**1.You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing; "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." Refrain**

**2.You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a land; and when they are blinded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. Refrain**

**3.You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still; and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. Refrain**

**4.You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise. Refrain**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People**

A. We gather before you Great and Merciful God of Peace to bring our prayers and intercessions and lay them at your feet. We seek to see you, love you, and follow you in all we do and say, **C. Day by day, Oh Dear Lord, Three things I pray: To see thee more clearly; Love thee more dearly; Follow thee more nearly. Day by Day.**

A. We seek to find your wisdom for all those who serve as leaders to us and servants to you. Guide the thoughts, directions, and actions of all church leadership, governing leadership, medical leadership and economic leadership. Fill each person with your peace and love for all people. We seek to see you, love you, and follow you in all we do and say, **C. Day by day, Oh Dear Lord, Three things I pray: To see thee more clearly; Love thee more dearly; Follow thee more nearly. Day by Day.**

A. We bring before you those that concern our hearts, who are in need of your healing: those who mourn, those who are disenfranchised, those who are weakened, those who have lost home, finances, opportunities, those who are ill, especially....Fill them with the healing power only you can grant. Those We seek to see you, love you, and follow you in all we do and say, **C. Day by day, Oh Dear Lord, Three things I pray: To see thee more clearly; Love thee more dearly; Follow thee more nearly. Day by Day.**

A. Grant that we seek what you desire, that we live how you have called us to live, and love all those who have created with your grace. Grant these prayers, spoken and unspoken that we lift to you, and fill us Lord with your great abundance to service you freely. **C. Day by day, Oh Dear Lord, Three things I pray: To see thee more clearly; Love thee more dearly; Follow thee more nearly. Day by Day.**

## **Meal**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

P. The Lord Be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

### **The Words of Institution**

P. "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: 'Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.'

"In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: 'Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'"

## 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

P. May the body and blood of our Savior, strengthen and preserve you giving you peace and grace. Amen.  
Lamb of God

## Sending

### Benediction

P. Go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit! Proclaim the gospel throughout the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness in the power of the kingdom and with deeds of justice and mercy. **C. We are sent in the name and power of the Lord!**

P. May the God who raised Jesus from the dead bless you. **C. Amen.**

### **Song: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Glory & Praise 650)**

1. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring love  
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord. And where there's doubt, true faith in  
You.
2. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring  
hope. Where there is darkness, only light. And where there's sadness ever joy.
3. Oh, Master grant that I may never seek. So much to be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand Or to be loved as to love with all my soul.
4. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
It is in giving to all men that we receive. And in dying that we are born to eternal  
life.

### Dismissal

A. Go in Peace and serve the Lord. **C. Thanks Be to God.**