

May 31, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Pentecost Sunday

Liturgical Color: Red

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Lee Robirds, Congregational Nurse

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Largo

Handel

Chiming of the Trinity

*Call to Worship

Ryan Patterson, 2005 Chad Withered Scholarship Recipient

Leader: There is no place we can go without God. When we are alone or when we are together,

People: God is around us on every side.

Leader: When we walk or when we fall,

People: God is around us on every side.

Leader: When we are in shadows or in the light,

People: God is around us on every side.

Leader: When we worship and when we turn away,

People: God is around us on every side.

Leader: God is here, always with us. Come, let us worship.

-Seasons of the Spirit Pentecost 2007

*Hymn No. 539

O Spirit of the Living God

Forest Green

Invocation

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

O God of truth and knowledge, let us never lose our sense of wonder about the world you have given us. Let us never see ourselves as too young, too old, or too wise to learn new lessons from you. Give us courage to judge ourselves, and wisdom to learn from those you send to teach us. Teach us to surrender our own wills, that we might seek yours and draw closer to your grace. Grant that we might always use your gifts to build a world where peace, justice, love, and hope reign in wisdom and in truth. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:28-32

Page 1039 (OT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

O Living Breath of God
Chancel Choir

arr. John Helgen

†New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Page 144 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Prayer

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Callahan

*Doxology No. 94

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Children's Message

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***Passing of the Peace**

***Hymn No. 420**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

***Gospel Lesson**

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 Pages 134 & 135 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Baptism by Fire”

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Presentation of Chad Withered Scholarship

2009 Graduate Recognition

The Rev. James D. Dennis, Jr.

Message to Graduates and Parents

Jessica Morris, Director of Youth Ministries

Anthem

Be Not Afraid
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

Blessing of Graduates

Congregation: We have passed on to you what we hold most dear - our faith, integrity, love, and belief.

Graduates: We have listened, watched, and learned from you, now we will use the tools you have given us to build our lives.

Congregation: We will pray for you every time we think of you.

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Congregation: Commit yourselves to Christ and never forget His love for you.

Graduates: We will remember and will respond to His call.

Congregation: Be courageous and live an exemplary life.

Graduates: We will live as you have taught us.

Congregation: We send you out with the understanding that we believe in you, that you will succeed. We have faith in you that you will remain true to our teachings and the Word of God. We will be praying for you as you walk through the days of your life. May God be ever present with you and lead you in the paths of righteousness. Go in the Peace of Christ.

***Hymn No. 555**

Forward Through the Ages

St. Gertrude

***Benediction**

2009 Graduates and Youth

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

Numbers 6:24

***Benediction Response No. 666**

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

***Postlude**

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

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