



PENTECOST

Empowered by the Spirit



May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday

11:00AM

fccsaintpaul.org

An inclusive family of God, creating and inspiring Christian discipleship through fellowship, community mission and love of Jesus.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of St. Paul! We are glad to have you worship with us. If you are joining in online, please like the live stream or respond in the comments to let us know you are following along.

GATHERING HYMN

Wind Upon the Waters, #247 Chalice Hymnal (verse 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All together in one place;

Many: they heard the rush of a violent wind; it filled the entire house.

One: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;

Many: they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

OPENING SONG

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely, #285 Chalice Hymnal

INVOCATION

One: Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

One: God of power and possibility, with the flame of your Spirit, you give us energy to move into the world in Jesus' name. With the breath of your Spirit, you refresh us to engage life in its complexity. Your Spirit embraces us in the diversity and difference you wove into our creation and unites us in your love. We praise you for your presence with us in every time and place. In this time of worship, send us the Holy Spirit once again. Renew us to serve you in the world that aches for the healing and wholeness you offer through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord.

Silence

Many: God of mystery and mercy, we confess we have not always paid attention to the urging of your Spirit to follow your will and your way. Too often we claim to belong to Jesus, yet we ignore his teaching. You created us to love one another, but we resist loving those who differ from us. Stir our hearts with your Holy Spirit. Transform who we are, and direct who we shall become through Christ's redeeming love.

One: These words are worthy of our trust and acceptance: In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another. Thanks be to God for God's steadfast love and mercy! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's Peace.
Please greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE: John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

26"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. *27*You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

*4*But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. *5*But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' *6*But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

*7*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. *8*And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: *9*about sin, because they do not believe in me; *10*about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; *11*about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. *12*"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. *13*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. *14*He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. *15*All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. *2*And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. *3*Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. *4*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

*5*Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. *6*And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. *7*Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? *8*And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? *9*Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, *10*Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, *11*Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." *12*All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" *13*But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

*14*But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. *15*Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. *16*No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: *17*'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. *18*Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. *19*And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. *20*The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. *21*Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

One: The word of God for the People of God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Rob Hamilton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

If you have a prayer request, you can share it at this time. You can also send it by email to prayer@fccsaintpaul.org, by phone at 651-316-4035 or filling out the prayer request form at fccsaintpaul.org/pray.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit, #249 Chalice Hymnal

COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior welcome to share in this holy meal.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER

The communion packet will be distributed, please open the wafer first and then open the grape juice portion.

COMMUNION INTERLUDE

Come Down, O Love Divine

OFFERING

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP AND OFFERING PRAYER

Please come forward to place your offering in the offering plate. You can also give online by going to our website, fccsaintpaul.org/give or use the QR to your right.

GIVE



OFFERING INTERLUDE

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

DOXOLOGY

#46 Chalice Hymnal

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father*, Son* and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Or Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost*

CHARGE AND BLESSING

One: On this Pentecost Day, Go in the strength of the Spirit to serve with renewed energy wherever the Spirit moves you. And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

CLOSING HYMN

Every Time I Feel the Spirit, #592 Chalice Hymnal

WELCOME

GREETINGS

If this is your first time at First, welcome! We are so glad you came to worship with us. To learn more about our faith community, please go to fccsaintpaul.org. If you are a first time visitor, want to speak to the pastor or have a prayer request, be sure to fill out our online welcome card at fccsaintpaul.org/welcome.

MEET THE DISCIPLES

First Christian-St. Paul is affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a "movement for wholeness in a fragmented world." You can find out more about our tradition by going to disciples.org.

OFFERING

Help support the mission and ministry of First Christian Church. Your gifts help us to be an inclusive presence in Roseville and online. You can support the congregation by giving online: fccsaintpaul.org/give.

If you would like to mail a check, send it the

following address:

First Christian Church of St. Paul
PO Box 131702
Roseville, MN 55113

PRAYER

If you have a concern you'd like the church to pray for, please contact the church either by phone (651-316-4035) Or by email at prayer@fccsaintpaul.org.

If you have a prayer request, please feel free to write it down using the prayer request sheets on the cart at the entrance to the Great Hall. You can either give it to Pastor Dennis or place it in the offering plate during the offering.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Thanks for joining us in worship. If you would like to learn more about First Christian or have questions on faith, please fill out our welcome form on our website fccsaintpaul.org/welcome.

CALENDAR

May 19, 2024 (Pentecost)

- 11:00 AM - Worship
- Noon- Second Sunday Lunch

May 20, 2024

- 7:00 PM - Church Council Meeting

May 22, 2024

- 7:00 PM- Bible Study

May 26, 2024

- 11:00 AM - Worship

June 2, 2024

- 11:00 AM - Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midweek Bible Study

Join us this coming Wednesday, May 22 for Midweek Bible Study and Silence and Solitude on Zoom at 7:00 PM. You can join us online by using the following web address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2103585623>. This will be the last meeting of the Bible Study before our summer break. We will resume in September.

Pet Food Drive

Our Mission Partner, Open Hands Midway has many guests who own pets. Because they believe that the whole family should be served when our guests use their service, Open Hands also serve their pets. They make every effort to have an abundance of cat and dog food on hand so that each pet may have food to eat, often times they don't have enough. From May 5-26, we will be accepting donations of dog and cat food to support Open Hands Midway. Please bring your donations to church and drop them off in the box located in the sanctuary.

Second Sunday Lunch

Join us today, Sunday, May 19 for our Second Sunday Lunch at House of Wong in Roseville after worship. If you would like to attend, please contact Lisa Smith Winn.

Decorate Sanctuary for Pentecost

Thanks to all those who took part in getting the sanctuary ready for Pentecost yesterday.

Church Council Meeting

The next meeting of the church council is Monday, May 20 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

Donate Paper Bags

All of us go grocery shopping. Many of us pack our groceries in paper bags provided by the grocery store. We get our groceries unpacked and we end up saving the paper bags to recycle. But now rather than recycle them, you can save them and bring them to Open Hands Midway for use at their food shelf. Drop them off in the box in the sanctuary.

Candle Fundraiser

We have candles available for purchase that you can use for your own prayer time or just because. The price is \$10 and will go to support First Christian. If you would like to buy one, see Lisa Smith Winn.

Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregation is part of the Disciples' vision. This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs. Gifts for this offering are divided equally between the region in which they're given and the New Church Ministry. We will receive this offering on May 19. You can give online by going to <https://disciplesmissionfund.org/give/>.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Mary Decker (family issues)
- Levinson Smith (elderly issues, addiction)
- Lucinda Moody's father (health issues)
- Laura Winn (mental health)
- Michael LeBuhn (work situation)
- Mars, the child of Momoko Tanno (health issues)
- Jan Paulson (health issues)

Do you have a prayer request? You can send it to us three ways:

- *fill out a prayer request form during worship*
- *By email: prayer@fccsaintpaul.org*
- *by phone: 612-316-4035*

WORSHIP NOTES

Was there something in the sermon, the reading of scripture or the music that made you think? Use this space to write (or even draw) your thoughts.

STATEMENT OF WELCOME

You Are Welcome Here.

“The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of St. Paul, Minnesota, is an open and affirming ministry, openly welcoming persons of all gender expressions, sexual orientations, races, ethnicities, creeds, classes, ages, marital status and physical and mental abilities, to join us in following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ our Lord and in a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.”

-Open and Affirming Statement of First Christian Church of St. Paul

OUR VALUES

First Christian Church is a suburban congregation, united in Christ and grounded in the values of diversity, fellowship and witness.

-First Christian Values Statement

OUR VISION

“Gathered for worship. Scattered for service.”

STAFF, HOURS

Lead Pastor: Dennis Sanders

Cantor/Music Director: Momoko Tanno

Adjunct Pastor: Robert Hamilton

Accompanist: Luke Swanger

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Wednesdays & Fridays: 2:00-5:00 PM



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