



ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 4, 2017
Day of Pentecost



Please sign and pass the Friendship Book (“pew pad”) where you can also record any prayer requests. Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of the Living God as we worship together. We invite you to focus your heart and mind in worship.

** indicates please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walter Welch

PRELUDE

Organ

“Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him”

Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Walter Welch

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord rejoice in his works—

he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,

who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

May my meditation be pleasing to him,

as I rejoice in the Lord.

—from Psalm 104:31-34 (NIV)

***SONGS OF WORSHIP:**

“ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY”

(VERSE)

All who are thirsty

All who are weak

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow

Be washed away

In the waves of his mercy

As deep cries out to deep, we sing

(CHORUS 1)

Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

(REPEAT VERSE)

(CHORUS 2)

Holy Spirit come

Holy Spirit come

Holy Spirit come

Holy Spirit come

(BRIDGE)

As deep cries out to deep

As deep cries out to deep

As deep cries out to deep

(REPEAT CHORUS 1 & 2)

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“HOLY SPIRIT, EVER DWELLING”

(Hymn #289)

(VERSE 1)

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o’er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high;
living, life imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.

(VERSE 2)

Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church’s very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship
for your fruits and gifts unpriced.

(VERSE 3)

Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church’s ministry;
quickenning, strengthening, and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul
in communion never ending, you we worship and extol.

TIME OF PRAYER

Dennis Roginski

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Call to Confession

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I
command.
and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another
Counselor
to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.
Whoever has my commands and obeys them,
he is the one who loves me.
He who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I too will love him and show myself to him."
Let us confess our sin to God.

—based on John 14:15-17, 21, NIV.

Prayer of Confession

Spirit of God,
you are the breath of creation,
the wind of change that blows through our lives,
opening us up to new dreams and new hopes,
new life in Jesus Christ.
Forgive us our closed minds,
which barricade themselves against new ideas,
preferring the past
to what you might want to do through us tomorrow.
Forgive our closed eyes,
which fail to see the needs of your world,
blind to opportunities of service and love.
Forgive our closed hands,
which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our own use
alone.
Forgive us our closed hearts,
which limit our affections to ourselves and our own.
Spirit of new life,
forgive us and break down the prison walls of our
selfishness,
that we might be open to your love
and open for service in your world,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

[Silent Prayer]

Assurance of Pardon

“I will take you out of the nations;
I will gather you from all the countries.
I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean.
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you;
I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a
heart of flesh.

And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my
decrees.

You will be my people, and I will be your God.”

Friends in Christ: by the power of the Spirit,
we are united with Christ and given a new spirit.
Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.

—based on *Ezekiel 36:24-28, NIV*

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SONG OF WORSHIP

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

“SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD”

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

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Don Meekhof

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

Chenayla Welch

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Invitation to the Offering

With thanksgiving for God’s gifts to us,
let us offer ourselves and the fruits of our labor
for God’s work in the world.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

**Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

Almighty God,
we have opened our hands to you,
and our hands have been filled with good things.
Receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your care for
us,
and help us to bless you with dedication of our lives;
through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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Please be seated. The ushers will pass the offering plates.

The children are excused to attend Junior Chapel.

Offertory

"Little Trio"

Organ

Richard Blake

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Walter Welch

Joel 2:28–32 (NIV)

²⁸ "And afterward,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

³⁰ I will show wonders in the heavens
and on the earth,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

³¹ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the
Lord.

³² And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved;
for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
there will be deliverance,
as the Lord has said,

even among the survivors
whom the Lord calls.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READINGS

Chenayla Welch

John 14:15–17 (NIV)

⁷ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be^[a] in you.

Acts 2:1–4 (NIV)

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

MESSAGE

Rev. Don Meekhof

“Your Next-to-Best Eternal Friend”

Sermon Text: “The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.”

– 2 Corinthians 13:14 (The Message)

***SONG OF WORSHIP:**

“SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS”

(CHORUS)

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

(VERSE 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.”

(VERSE 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 were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

(VERSE 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.

(VERSE 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

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SHARING AROUND CHRIST'S TABLE—COMMUNION



Rev. Don Meekhof

*Christ becomes a part of our flesh
through Holy Communion.*

The Lord's Supper is not an end in itself. It always points beyond itself to celebrate God's grace and covenant faithfulness. This does not mean the physical aspects of the celebration are incidental or unimportant. The Lord's Supper should be a celebration fitting to the abundant grace of God offered in Christ.

**Invitation to the Lord's Supper
Breaking of the Bread & Pouring of the Cup
Sharing the Body and Blood of Christ**

***CLOSING SONG**

It is the custom at Knox, in celebration of Holy Communion, to hold hands and form a circle around the sanctuary to sing our closing song...

“BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS”

(Hymn #708)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Don Meekhof

POSTLUDE

Organ

“God Is Our Refuge and Strength”

Robert J. Powell

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*Please remain after the worship service for the
Congregational Meeting.*

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In the pulpit today: : **Don Meekhof** is our “*Temporary Stated Supply*” pastor. Those words in quotes are the official title given by Presbytery because with Shared Ministry there is no full-time pastor. However, Don most definitely has a full-time love for shepherding the flock of Christ and we are blessed to have him with us!