May 23, 2021

Better Together

9:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce, Associate Pastor
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PRELUDE—Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

LIGHTING THE CANDLE TOGETHER

*OPENING PRAYER

God our creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit, all the world may unite in one song of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN—Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Hymn 280

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(time for silent confession)

RESPONSE—Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins.
All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen. Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE—Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson—1 Samuel 21:1-6
Second Lesson—Romans 14:1-8, 13-19

SERMON

Space for Grace

Rev. Dr. Troy Hauser Brydon

*RESPONSIVE HYMN—I've Got Peace Like a River

Hymm 623

* for those who are able, please stand.
PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY—*O Living Breath of God* Swedish folk tune, arr. by John Helgen

*DOXOLOGY—Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymn 609
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low; Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKS

*CLOSING HYMN—On Pentecost They Gathered* Hymn 289

*CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—Let There Be Peace*

POSTLUDE—*Now Dance and Sing, Ye Christian Throng* Johann Sebastian Bach

WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!

The flowers in the chancel are dedicated to the glory & honor of God and in loving memory of my husband, Mart, and in celebration of the wedding anniversaries of Dee & David Stokes and Melinda & Ben Rechner. With love, Dottie Johnson.

Our Church Family & Friends

Prayer requests: Alice Akin, Brian Anderson & Joan Tandler, Jackie Baden, Larry Braak, Phyllis Carpenter, Dan Coulier, Barb Race, Norm Spring, Lisa Stoner and Sandy Teunis.

Prayers of sympathy and support: To the family of Guy and Alishia Terrill on the passing of her sister Marrianne Lipscei.

May Food Collection
Your donations will go to *Love In Action* food pantry.

Requests: Applesauce, canned tuna or chicken, jelly in plastic containers, peanut butter

* Drop box located in The Gathering Area

Iona Services
Services of quiet meditation
May 26
June 23
July 28
August 25
Join us at 6:30 in the Sanctuary.

Worship Leaders:
Rev. Dr. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor
Maryanne Beery, Director of Music & Fine Arts;
Maddie Lambert, Youth & Young Adult Ministries Director;
Rob Hlebinsky, Organist;
Voices of the Geneva Choir

Pentecost Offering—Goes toward the younger members of God’s family. 60% is used regionally and nationally for children and youth programs and 40% stays in our community.

Our Vision:
We are called to celebrate God’s grace as a Christ-centered community of acceptance, growing in faith and living as Christ’s hands to serve.