

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The Day of Pentecost – May 31, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.



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*United in the Spirit, First United Methodist Church of Belmont exists
to be more like Jesus Christ for our community and beyond*
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

For God has done wondrous things for us.

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen.

HYMN

"O Church of God, United"

***O Church of God, united to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.***

***Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.***

***From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear;
to serve one valiant leader they come from far and near.
They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord,
and place their sure dependence upon his saving word.***

***Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee;
and in thy loving spirit, we shall one people be.***

***Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.***

***May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son:
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.***

OPENING PRAYER

***O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending
to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to
have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy
comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-14

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. George Ragsdale

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"Holy Spirit"

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***Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.***

***Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
In each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.***

***Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth;
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see.***

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

After each petition we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY

"Here As in Heaven"

Eddie Ingram

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

"O Spirit of the Living God"

***O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.***

***Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.***

***Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow
until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.***

***Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal.***

***Teach us to utter living words
of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand
when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime
shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family
by whom thy will is done.***

***So shall we know the power of Christ
who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness,
which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach
creation's glorious goal!***

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"