For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

First Corinthians 12.12-13

The Worship of God
July 21, 2019

Music for Gathering
Marietta Mobley, piano
Christ Candle

Opening Sentences

Voluntary

Air for Organ

When God the Spirit came upon the church outpoured in sound of wind and sign of flame they spread God’s truth abroad, and filled with the Spirit proclaimed that Christ is Lord.

What courage, power and grace that youthful church displayed! To those of every tribe and race they witnessed unafraid, and filled with the Spirit they broke their bread and prayed.

So to this present hour our task is still the same, in Pentecostal love and power his gospel to proclaim, and filled with the Spirit, rejoice in Jesus’ name.

Timothy Dudley-Smith

tAffirmation of Faith

The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners, called to be holy, dedicated to service.

Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others.

Knowing our own weakness and failures, we bring good news to all people with understanding of their condition and with hope in God.

We grieve that the church, which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and spans all time, place, race, and language, has become a broken communion in a broken world.

When we struggle for the purity of the church and for the righteousness God demands, we pray for saintly courage.

When our pride or blindness blocks the unity of God’s household, we seek forgiveness.

We marvel that the Lord gathers the broken pieces to do his work, and that he blesses us still with joy, new members, and surprising evidences of unity.

We commit ourselves to seeking and expressing the oneness of all who follow Jesus.

–from Our World Belongs to God, Articles 42-43, 57-58
tHymn of Praise 689
The Church's One Foundation
everyone: stanzas 1, 3, 5  
treble: 2  bass: 4

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A Time for Children
Afterward children ages four through first grade may attend Junior Church and return to the sanctuary following the sermon.

Prayers of God's People

Prayer Song

Lord of the Small
Logan Trotter, vocal soloist

Congregational Response

Rev. Courtney Willis

Sarah Billings

Rev. Willis

Dan Forrest

Ken Medema
Opening of God’s Word

Madilyn Hix

Scripture Lesson

Acts 15.22-31

Cassie Starnes

Sermon

Life in the Spirit | Essentials

Rev. Sherouse

Hymn of Response 695

In Christ There Is No East or West

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Musical Interlude

Offertory Prayer

Mark McCracken, deacon

Musical Offering

Loving Shepherd

Suzanna and Logan Trotter, vocal duet

Musical Offering

Bob Chilcott

Benediction

Rev. Sherouse

Music for Dismissal

Charles Marie-Widor

Finale from Symphony IV

Guests are warmly welcomed today. There are several ways during the worship hour that we can become better acquainted. During the Words of Friendship we will share a personal greeting with those sitting around us. You will find a Connection Card in the bulletin that can be filled out and dropped in the offering plate as it is passed in the service. Ministers will also be greeting worshipers at each exit door after the service.