



Day of Pentecost
June 5, 2022 + 10:00 a.m.

Congregational responses are in BOLD.

All are welcome to receive Jesus' unconditional gift of God's grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion. The people of Zion practice eucharistic hospitality.

Children of all ages are encouraged to worship with the whole community in Christ. Children's worship bags are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Page numbers that are listed are found in the front of the cranberry-colored hymnal on the bottom of the page. Hymn numbers are listed in bold, large print on the top of the page.

If you would like home communion, hospital visit, or a conversation with the pastor, please contact the church office at 715.687.4110 or at office@zionstratford.org or Interim Pastor Andrea Fluegel at 715.391.9311 or pastor@zionstratford.org.

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*Scripture Focus: On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.**

PRELUDE

***“Come Unto Me”
“Lord of All the Earth”
“I Will Sing Praise”***

Zion Praise Choir

Choir will be introducing songs for all to sing during worship.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CENTERING

We Gather in Grace

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Come Unto Me”

WORDS OF WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

Beloved, teach us to open our shuttered hearts
and our portioned and boarded up spirits
with bold generosity and with courageous hospitality.
Estranged and alienated so often and from so much,
sustain us in making circles of welcome
out of gatherings of strangers.
Around the table of wonder, meet us in abundance,
drawing out our stories and showing us
how to weave together a community with steadfast love.

**The wells of life are our responsibilities:
teach us to care for them together,
with forbearance, forgiveness, gratitude, and rejoicing.
When we are cast out and wandering,
may we find welcome and compassion
that calls us back into an accountable relationship,
into the ways of peace.**

Generation after generation has learned anew
how to make welcome, how to make a home wherever they are,
however they are, and how to welcome You, Beloved,
in welcoming enemies, strangers, and exiles
into a life of transforming love. **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE *“Lord of All the Earth”*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

**God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the
peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your
love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for
praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

We Hear the Word of God

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-4

*Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.**

PSALM

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

*Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17

*Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

GOSPEL

John 14:8-17, 25-27

The Holy Gospel according to John the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.**

⁸Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

CALL COMMITTEE INSTALLATION

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COVENANT RENEWAL LITANY

Dear friends: United with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are joined in God's mission for the life of the world. We are called to that mission in our daily lives and in the ministries we share as the gathered people of God.

Every day we journey on this earth is a day in which we make choices: left or right, up or down, in or out, yes or no? Some choices are simple, and some are very complex, but one choice informs all the others:

Who will be our God?

Who will we trust to see us through this journey?

**Who has been with us from before the beginning,
bringing us into existence?**

Who has loved us and blessed us and sent us on our way?

**Who has pointed us toward the path
and posted the signs we need to find our way?**

**Who has been at our side when the road has been smooth
and gently curving?**

**Who has kept with us through hairpin turns
and construction zones and potholes and detours?**

**Who will celebrate with us when we complete our course
and seek the comfort of eternity?**

Only One. The One and Only. **Holy One. The One and Holy.**

Will you choose this day to stay faithful to the One who is faithful
to us? **Count us in.**

Will you choose this day to place your whole trust in the One who
is trustworthy? **Count us in.**

Will you choose this day to commit your talents and your
resources to the One who first endowed them? **Count us in.**

Will you choose this day to love the One who loved us first?
Count us in.

Will you choose this day to love neighbors, strangers, and those
you don't even know in service to the One who loved us first?
Count us in.

Praying together,

**We devote ourselves to you by renewing the covenant—
the promise you made to humanity so long ago.**

Because you are our God, we will be your people.

**Enlarge our faithfulness, our trust, our commitment and our love
so that we may graciously continue to be your hands and feet in
this world, loving You and loving our neighbor.**

**Help us always to recognize your presence and your blessings
throughout our journey. Keep us in your care. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy Living One, Holy Moving One, burst open our locked doors, and by your Spirit drive us out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds. Direct our words and actions, trusting the Advocate abiding in and among us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Feed and care for creatures that remain hidden to us yet contribute to the vibrancy of your creation. Train us to interact with creation from a place of wonder, awe, and reverence. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send your Spirit to places where language is a barrier to justice and mercy for those who seek it. Bless the work of translators, interpreters, and teachers. Promote understanding for the sake of those longing for true freedom and peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort all who live in constant fear and any who are suffering. Remind them that your Spirit has made them your children and that they are never far from your glory. Gracious God, all the people, places, and circumstances that are on our hearts and minds...God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: Look on your Church with grace and guide the minds of those who shall choose a pastor for this congregation, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Holy Spirit, reign down upon us and lead a faithful shepherd and servant to this gathered people. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gather your people across regions, nations, and lands. Root our common life in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and by your Spirit bind us together with all the saints who have gone before us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance, you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

BLESSING THE MEAL

We gather at our table this day, giving thanks for all the people who have contributed to our meals every day and every week: farmers, grocery store workers, those who cooked it, and those who will clean afterwards. Let us bless our meal and thank Jesus who loved us all from the very first by praying this prayer together:

**Wind and fire God,
We gather in your name
invited by Jesus
bound together with your Spirit**

**in union with each other.
Feed our bodies and our spirits
with your comforting presence
so that we might be your comfort to others.**

**Bless this food
and break open our hearts.
Bless this drink
and pour out your love.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”

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“Let us Break Bread Together”

Hymn 471

“Taste and See”

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BLESSING

PRAYER

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friends and strangers, that all may come to know your love. We pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

We Serve the World in God's Name

BENEDICTION

God of all wisdom, send your blessing on us as we set our feet back on the path of ministry. Though challenges may arise, and blessings that are sure to follow, give to all of us discerning and prayerful hearts, spirits ready to understand and quick to forgive, ears to listen for your Word, and voices to speak the truth. Make us bold to live out your Gospel as we seek to do your will. **Amen.**

HYMN

“God's Work, Our Hands”

ACS Hymn 1000

BLESSING OF OUR MEAL TOGETHER

From Psalm 145: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

Let us bless our summer kick-off potluck picnic together:

Lord God, creator of all things, bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bountiful goodness through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go to the streets. Be a public church.

Serve others with the love of Jesus,
emboldened by the Holy Spirit.

We will go, guided by the Spirit. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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