

## Church at Home

Olivet Congregational Church

*Pentecost Sunday May 31, 2020*

*This document is designed for those unable to, or who choose not to, participate in the LIVE worship experience we offer via the internet on Sunday mornings, at 10am. You should have received an invite and instructions as to how to participate with the community of faith LIVE in it.*

*For those who need or want the following option, we hope this will assist you in your at-home worship life AND help keep you spiritually fed and nourished by the Word.*

**Prayer:** *God of Love and Mercy,*

*As your Church seeks ways to gather in the name of Jesus Christ during these days of quarantine, remind us that we are not alone; that others are praying together, considering your promises together, and looking toward you for hope and healing. Hear now our prayers for one another. Protect our friends, family, and all those we love; we pray for the whole world, and especially all who stand in need this day of healing, those who grieve, and those in fear wherever they may be. Strengthen each of us as we take this time out of our weekend to meet with you, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit that resides with us all. AMEN.*

Hold down your control key (Ctrl) and Click on link below for the **HYMN** "O Day Full of Grace" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJETTbnf6w>

The following **lessons** are assigned in the Universal Common Lectionary for today, the Church's celebration of Pentecost. As you read these verses from scripture be mindful that Christians all over the world will be reading these same passages and seeking hope with you. Ponder how the words apply to your own life today. Find

a quiet place, alone or together with someone you love—near a window, or even outside if that works. Read through each passage, reflect on your response to the questions, and offer up a simple prayer to God.

### Acts 2:1-21

**When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'**

Try to remember a special Sunday when you were at church—one that was especially meaningful for you. What made that day special?

Does it feel like the Holy Spirit has ever been poured out on you? If so, what was it like for you? If not what do you think that would that be like?

HYMN “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmkzSjs9eAw>

*PRAYER: God, as you sent your Holy Spirit to your people on the first Pentecost, send now your Holy Spirit to me. Fill me with your presence. AMEN.*

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

**O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**

**There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.**

**These all look to you to give them their food in due season;**

**when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

**When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.**

**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works-- who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

**May my meditation be pleasing to God, for I rejoice in the LORD.**

**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!**

The Psalm says that when God's opens God's hands they are filled with good things. What good things have come from God for you?

What good things do you hope for from God's hands right now?

The Psalm says that God renews...what, in your life, needs some renewing?

*PRAYER: God, remind me each day that you are good; that you open your hands and lay good things before me every day. Fill me with the faith of knowing that you are always good to me. AMEN.*

HYMN "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ymKxTkrRNBA>

[1 Corinthians 12:3b-13](#)

**No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 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.**

What gifts has God given you so that others might know of God through you?

How have you used your own gifts to share the love of God?

What are some new ways that Christ's love might be shown through you now?

*PRAYER: God, help me live in ways that represent you and your love. Help me to use the gifts that you have given me in the ways that you intended. AMEN.*

[John 7:37-39](#)

**On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

Close your eyes and imagine a waterfall. What does it mean for you that out of the believer's hear shall flow rivers of living water?

What might it look like for you to be the source of living water to someone else?

Who has been a source of living water for you?

*PRAYER: God, remind me that when I have a thirsty spirit you are my source. Remind me to come to you, to find all that I need and all that I am in you. AMEN.*

HYMN "O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJ1MirK8M\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJ1MirK8M_Q)

*And now may the peace of Christ that passes all understanding comfort and guide you in this day and on into the life that is to come for you. AMEN.*