

## WORSHIP HANDOUT

Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>

Pentecost Sunday

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*SONG OF WELCOME    Open Doors

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Do not give easy or unthinking response  
to this day's call to worship.  
For today we ask God's Spirit to fill us,  
that we may prophesy,  
and dream dreams, and see visions.  
The call to worship today  
is a summons to be touched by holy fire.

**All: Even now the flames may dance above our heads,**

L: igniting our opinions on peacemaking  
so that they blaze into commitment.

**All: Even now the flames may be burning into our hearts,**

L: animating us,  
leaving us no peace as individuals  
until God's justice and peace fill the earth  
as the waters fill the seas.

**All: Prophets, visionaries, dreamers!  
Let us all worship with courage and with hope!**

L: Let us worship God!

—posted by the [The First Presbyterian Church of West Seneca](#).

\*OPENING PRAYER

**In this act of prayer, O God  
Our lives are opened to You, and with them, our world.**

**We pray that Your Spirit  
would whisper through every heart and everyplace  
where the voice of Your Presence is silent.**

**We ask that Your Spirit  
would challenge and empower  
all who are weak, broken, diseased or weeping.**

**We long for Your Spirit  
to inspire all who follow You  
to think, speak and live as true imitators of Christ**

**That our world and all who live in it  
may know peace, healing and reconciliation with you and with  
each other.**

**Bless us, O Lord,  
that we may become the building-blocks of Your Kingdom  
among us.**

**In Jesus' Name.  
Amen.**

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**SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER      Jesus Loves Me  
CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**TIME OF PRAYER  
SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYER HYMN      Breath on me, Breath of God UMH 420

LESSON 1      Romans 8:14-17 CEB

<sup>14</sup> All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. <sup>15</sup> You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

May God add a Blessing to this reading.

LESSON 2      Acts 2:1-21 CEB

**When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.**

**<sup>5</sup> There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. <sup>7</sup> They were surprised and amazed,**

saying, “Look, aren’t all the people who are speaking Galileans, every one of them? <sup>8</sup> How then can each of us hear them speaking in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; as well as residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya bordering Cyrene; and visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!” <sup>12</sup> They were all surprised and bewildered. Some asked each other, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> Others jeered at them, saying, “They’re full of new wine!”

<sup>14</sup> Peter stood with the other eleven apostles. He raised his voice and declared, “Judeans and everyone living in Jerusalem! Know this! Listen carefully to my words! <sup>15</sup> These people aren’t drunk, as you suspect; after all, it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! <sup>16</sup> Rather, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> *In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.  
Your young will see visions.  
Your elders will dream dreams.*

<sup>18</sup> *Even upon my servants, men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.*

<sup>19</sup> *I will cause wonders to occur in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and a cloud of smoke.*

<sup>20</sup> *The sun will be changed into darkness,  
and the moon will be changed into blood,  
before the great and spectacular day of the Lord comes.*

<sup>21</sup> *And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

This is the Word of God for all people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE                      Recalculating

\*HYMN                         We Are the Church    UMH 558

UNISON PRAYER -

**God of grace and gift; we thank and praise you  
for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.  
Holy Spirit, enlighten our thinking, strengthen our will,  
guide us and give us courage  
that we may serve God our Father by living faithfully where  
we are,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

— written by Bishop Telmor Sartison, and posted on the ELCIC Resource Archive on the [Lift Up Your Hearts](#) website.

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God,  
giver of every good and perfect gift,  
teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are,  
that we may praise you not with our words only,  
but with our whole lives. Amen.

\*BENEDICTION      On Eagles Wings UMH 143

POSTLUDE