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WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

8:00am

WELCOME

INVOCATION

P. The Spirit of God moved upon the waters,

C. CREATING THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.

P. The Spirit of God loved His sons and daughters,

C. REDEEMING THEM ALL FROM DEATH.

P. As at our baptism, so now in our worship,

C. THE SPIRIT OF GOD COMES CREATING AGAIN BY NEW BIRTH.

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. AMEN.

HYMN: #235 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" vs. 1,2,6

REFLECTION ON GOD'S WORD:

P. THE Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' and let him who hears say 'Come!'

C. WHOEVER IS THIRSTY, LET HIM COME AND WHOEVER WISHES, LET HIM

TAKE THE FREE GIFT OF THE WATER OF LIFE! (Rev 22:17)

P. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body,

C. WHETHER JEWS OR GREEKS, SLAVE OR FREE – AND WE WERE ALL GIVEN

THE ONE SPIRIT TO DRINK. (1 Cor 12:13)

P. No one can say 'Jesus is Lord',

C. EXCEPT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. (1 Cor 12:3)

P. From the beginning, God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

C. HE CALLED YOU TO THIS THROUGH OUR GOSPEL, THAT YOU MIGHT SHARE IN THE GLORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. (2 Thess 2:13)

CONFESSION OF SIN: (Spoken together)

O Lord, You have sent Your Spirit to guide us by Your holy Word. But instead of following the Spirit, we have followed our old sinful nature. We have sinned against You and against our neighbor by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us, Lord, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE: (Adapted from Acts 2:38,39)

P. Speaking to people whose hearts had been cut by the realization of their sin, Peter called them to put their trust in the Lord Jesus for help saying,

C. "REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED, EVERY ONE OF YOU, IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS."

P. Then Peter assured them of hope and help that was to come,

C. "AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."

P. And this promise wasn't just for a select few. It was a promise held out,

C. "FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN AND FOR ALL WHO ARE FAR OFF – FOR ALL WHOM THE LORD OUR GOD WILL CALL." THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN.

SONG: "Christ in You"

Verse: The mystery, that once was hidden for ages and generations, The knowledge of, eternal love, that came to dwell inside of you.

Chorus: It is Christ in you, the hope of glory, Christ in you, the hope of things to come, Christ in you, the mystery revealed, living in our hearts, the hope of glory.

(Repeat verse and chorus) (C. 1985 Integrity's Hosanna! Music. Used by permission. CCLI 1561573)

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Joel 2:28,29

28 'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

EPISTLE READING: Acts 2:1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. 5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." 14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. 18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. 21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

RESPONSE: *(Spoken together)*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: John 16:5-11

5 "Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'" 6 Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. 7 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; 10 in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; 11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

SONG: "Spirit of the Living God"

1. Spirit of the Living God, we affirm Your presence here, Spirit of the Living God, we affirm Your power here. To heal us, and to deliver us, To fill us and to change us, Spirit of God.
2. Spirit of the Living God, we affirm Your presence here, Spirit of the Living God, we affirm Your power here. To rest on us, and to empower us, To work through us and to reveal in us, Jesus the King. (C. 1985 Integrity's Hosanna! Music. Used by permission. CCLI #1561573)

SERMON: Joel 2:28,29 "Pentecost Power"

(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(Spoken together)*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew.)

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(Spoken together)*

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 forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING:

- P. May the Lord keep us in his grace by the continued work of the Holy Spirit.
C. MAY HE LEAD US TO GREATER FAITH AND OBEDIENCE, AND BRING US TO LIVE WITH HIM FOREVER THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD IN WHOM WE TRUST AND PRAY. AMEN.

HYMN: #234 "Holy Ghost, with Light Divine" vs. 1-4

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

Joel 2:28,29

"Pentecost Power"

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1. Given all God has done for us, what would we expect to see happen in our lives?

2. What do we often see actually happening in our lives?

3. Why can't we blame our spiritual failures on the devil or the world around us?

4. Where's the problem to be found if we feel powerless as Christians?

5. What did the Holy Spirit do in the Old Testament?
 - A.
 - B.

6. Who does the Holy Spirit fill now that Jesus has completed his work as our Savior?

7. Should every Christian expect to have visions? Why or why not?

8. What did the disciples receive on the day of Pentecost?

9. Why shouldn't any believer in Christ think of them self as weak?

