

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

May 22, 10:30am

Worship: Online & In-Person

*We as people of faith who are called to care for this creation want to **respectfully acknowledge the Cowlitz and Chinook People**, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been buried by honoring the truth. We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Cowlitz and Chinook People. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths.*

To Make Your Pledge or Leave An Offering Online Scan Below:



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Name: _____

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I'm [check box]:

- New Looking for a Church Community Visiting
- Interested in Music Ministries Interested in Children/Youth Ministry
- Interested in getting coffee/tea/whatever with the Rector (Fr. Nic)
- Interested in receiving the weekly Rector's Notes email

Hymn 405 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Descant

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

St. Stephen's is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, political affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we!



Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise & Children's Procession

Children are invited to follow the procession of the cross from the Church to the Parish Hall for Sunday School. While the program is geared for children 10 & under, ALL children are welcome to attend. Parents are also welcome to attend. Children will return to the church in time for Eucharist (typically returning after the passing of the peace).

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GLORY TO GOD MOST HIGH

Jesse Manibusan

REFRAIN

Glo - ry! ___ Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry ___
 in the high - est! Glo - ry! ___ Glo - ry to God!

1-5 (repeat Refrain 1st & last time) to Verses Final 3 Fine
 Glo-ry to God Most High! ___ Glo-ry to God Most High!

VERSES 1, 2

1. O God, ___ Ho - ly One, al - might-y God and Fa -
 2. O Lord, ___ Je - sus Christ, 7 Ho - ly One, ___ Re - deem -
 1. - ther, ___ we wor-ship you, ___ we give ___ you
 2. - er, ___ Lord ___ God, ___ Lamb ___ of

1. thanks, we praise ___ you for your glo - ry! ___
 2. God, ___ you

2. take a - way ___ the sin ___ of the world. ___

VERSE 3

3. You a - lone ___ are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone ___
 3. ___ are the Lord, ___ you a - lone ___ are the Most ___
 3. ___ High God, with the Spir - it in the glo - ry of God! ___

The Collect for the Day

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.**
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.**
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.**
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.**
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.**

A Reading from the Book of **Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ According to **John 14:23-29**
Glory to you, O God

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, O Christ

Homily

The Rev. Nic Mather

Nicene Creed (*Standing*)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray that the results of Christ's resurrection may be seen throughout the world.

Lord God, our loving heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Your Son, our Paschal Lamb, has taken away the sin of the world. Forgive us and all people.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son said, 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to the world and to our own country.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are sad, lonely, or grieving.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about his resurrection. Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the resurrection in their lives.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son proclaimed himself to the two disciples on the road and made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Reveal him to us and all people through the teaching of your word and the celebration of your holy meal.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas by telling him to touch his hands and side. Reassure those who are troubled by doubts, and strengthen their faith in your goodness.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially David Hughey, Lynne Sathe, Steve Larson, Doyle Rader, the Floyd family, Anna Rangel, Margaret Stedman, Ina Edmiston, and those you now name either silently or aloud...

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection. Be with those who are dying and those who have died, especially Skip Dunlap, and lead us all to life with you forever.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may finally praise you forever, with all the saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

During the Season of Easter we omit the confession in celebration and recognition that Christ has died for our sins and through His resurrection we receive eternal salvation through the forgiveness of those sins.

The Peace (*Standing*)

The Peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory

You are invited to make your pledge or leave an offering in the basket at the rear of the church or in our virtual collection plate on your mobile device at sslv.org/give. You may also mail your pledge/offering to the office: 1428 22nd Ave.

Peace Is Flowing Like a River



1. Peace is flow - ing like a riv - er,
2. Joy is flow - ing like a riv - er,
3. Faith is flow - ing like a riv - er,
4. Hope is flow - ing like a riv - er,
5. Love is flow - ing like a riv - er,



Flow - ing out through you and me; Flow - ing out in - to the



des - ert, Set - ting all the cap - tives free.

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Eucharistic Prayer B (*Standing*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

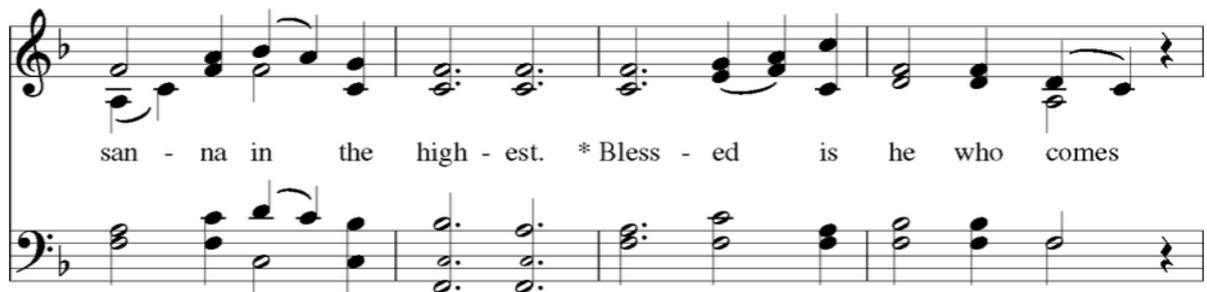
Wonder Love and Praise - #858 Holy, holy, holy Lord [*Sanctus*]



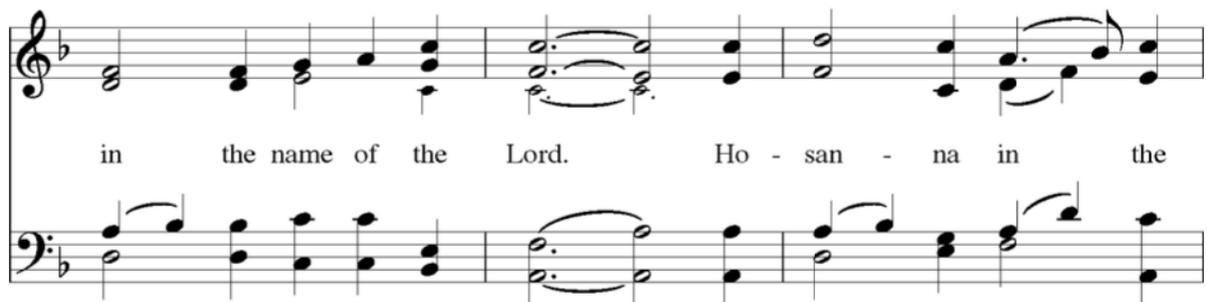
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction

Food Song

Ann Long/Kathleen Patton

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This is the bread of life, our lives, our gifts, our work, our
8 time, a liv - ing sac - ri - fice, to be - come Christ's bo - dy.
17 Blest, bro - ken, giv - en back to us. Food for the jour ney of life.
26 Life in you ser - vice.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are now invited to receive communion, releasing pew-by-pew according to the direction of the usher. Communion will be offered either through receiving the bread and an individual communion vessel of wine or through the dipping of the wafer into the wine. You may consume communion as you return to your seat or kneel at the altar rail for a moment of personal prayer before returning to your seat.

Those attending via live-stream are invited to offer the following prayer at home during this time:

A Prayer for a Person Unable to Take the Eucharist
(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer (*Standing or Kneeling/Sitting*)

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn

Following the closing hymn you are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour! If you are new today, please take a welcome packet (found in the pew or at the front door) and if you feel comfortable, introduce yourself to Fr. Nic!

Worship Leaders May 22, 2022

Presider	The Rev. Nic Mather
Musician	Riki Davis
Acolyte	
Altar Guild	Becky Edmiston, Robin Swecker
Reader	John Edmiston
Usher	Greg Moore
Verger	Mary Hoover
Vestry Presence	Jamie Nelson

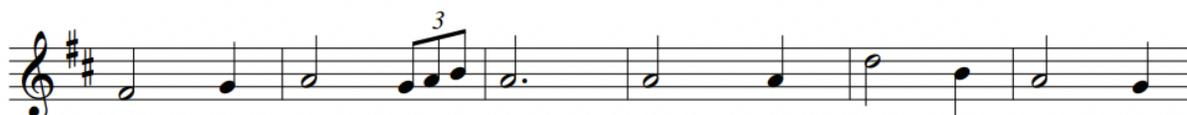


You are invited to join the St. Stephen's Choir beginning May 1 with rehearsal at 9am in the sanctuary. If you are interested please contact our music director, Alison Askeland, askelands@comcast.net

Put Peace into Each Other's Hands



1. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands And
 2. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands With
 3. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands, Like
 4. Give thanks for strong yet ten - der hands, Held
 5. Reach out in friend - ship, stay with faith, In

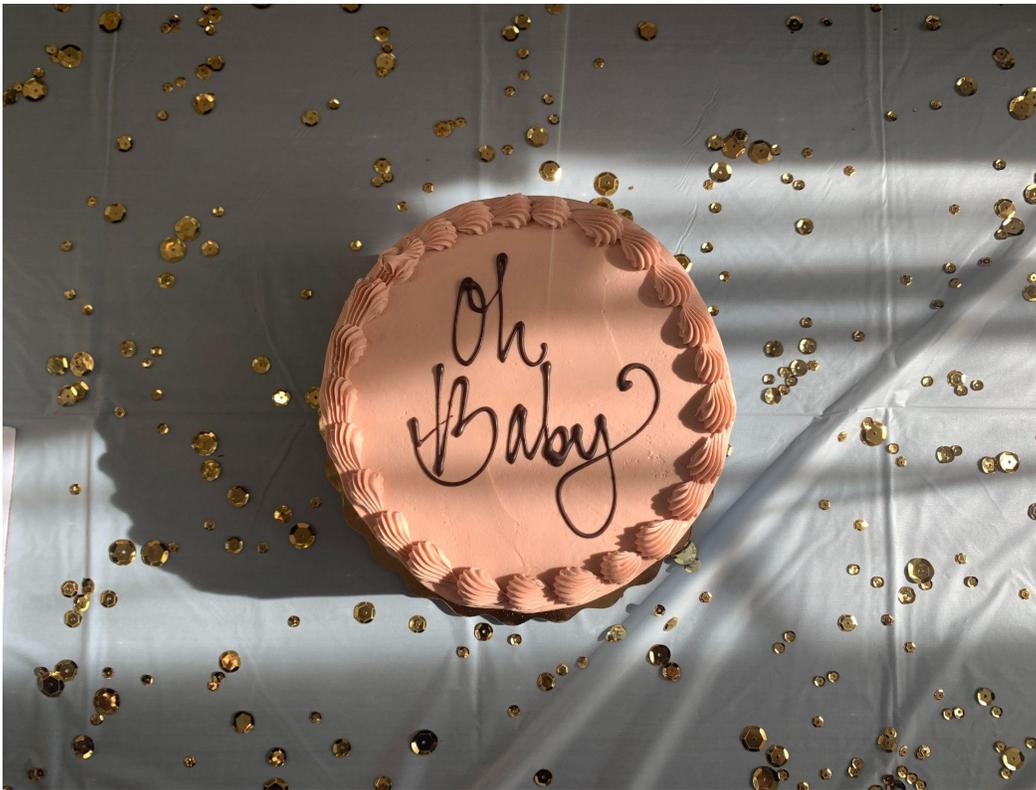
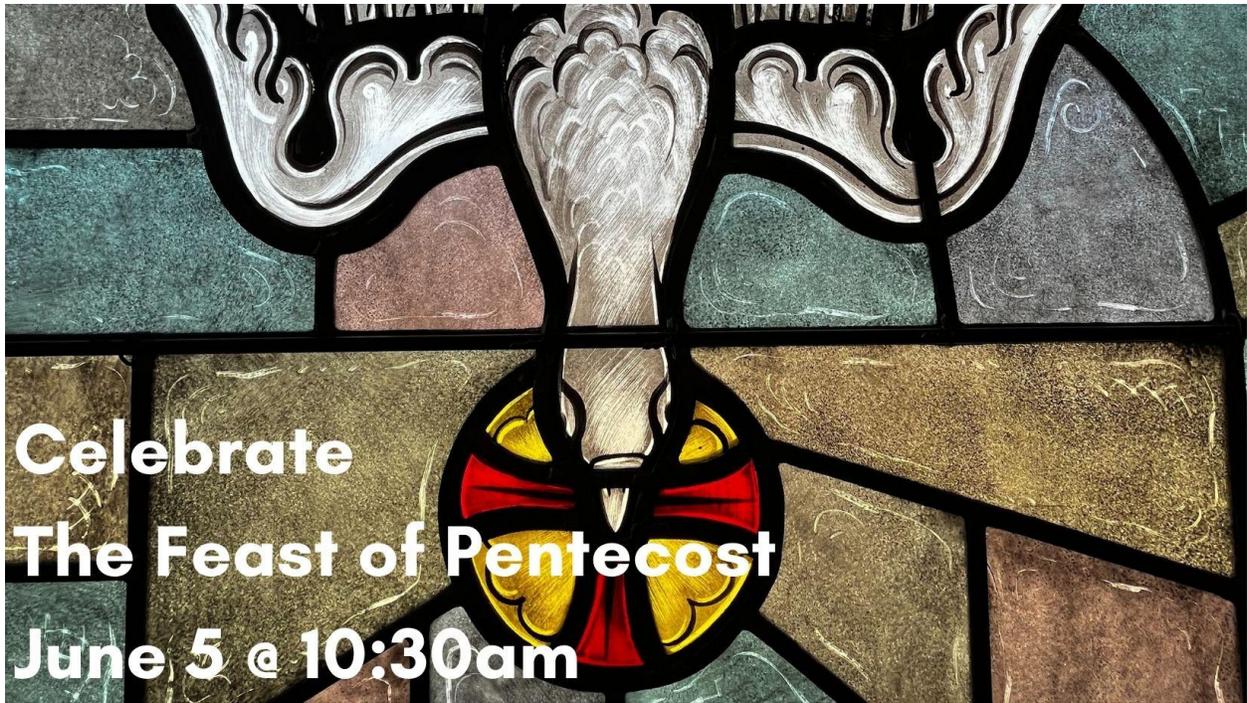


like a treas - ure hold it; Pro - tect it like a
 lov - ing ex - pec - ta - tion; Be gen - tle in your
 bread we break for shar - ing; Look peo - ple warm - ly
 out in trust and bless - ing. Where words fall short, let
 touch with those a - round you. Put peace in - to each



can - dle flame, With ten - der - ness en - fold it.
 words and ways, In touch with God's cre - a - tion.
 in the eye: Our life is meant for car - ing.
 hands speak out, The heights of love ex - press - ing.
 oth - er's hands: The Peace that sought and found you.

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Reminder to Save the Date for our Special Baby Shower Honoring our Church Musician Riki Davis following our Pentecost Celebration on June 5!