

Welcome to Worship

Rev. Katie Waggoner, Pastor

Order of Worship | Pentecost Sunday | May 23, 2021

Gathering, Welcome & Announcements:

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Invitation and Gathering

Call to Worship:

L: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

P: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

L: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

P: Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.

L: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

P: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and love in everything we say and do. AMEN.

Children's Message:

The Lord's Prayer

Loving the Wider World Through Our Sharing

Please place prayer and connection cards in the offering plate

The Offering:

*Doxology

Prayers of the People

Pastor: "Lord in Your Mercy,"

Congregational response: "**Hear our prayer.**"

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response Hymn:

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Me UMH#393

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

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Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Proclamation and Response

Scripture: Acts 2:1-15

Sermon: Holy Smoke!

Sending Forth

Closing Hymn:

In the bulb, there is a flower,

In the seed, an apple tree,

In cocoons, a hidden promise

Butterflies will soon be free.

In the cold and snow of winter,

There's a Spring that waits to be,

Unrevealed until its season

Something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,

Seeking word and melody,

There's a dawn in every darkness,

Bringing hope to you and me.

From the past will come the future

What it holds, a mystery,

Unrevealed until its season,

Something God alone can see.

Benediction:

God, out of God's great love, has created you. Jesus Christ, out of his great love, has redeemed you. The Holy Spirit, out of great love, has lifted and inspired you to go in peace and service throughout God's world, proclaiming the good news of peace, love, hope, and joy to all. Go in peace. **AMEN.**

Please stand as you are able

Read in unison words printed in bolded type

Butterfly Release

- Feel free to walk around to see the butterflies that have flown to nearby flowers and greenery. How many butterflies did you see?
- Please be careful not to step on any butterflies that have landed on the ground. They are just learning to use their wings.
- Say a silent prayer thanking God for Pentecost, for Jesus and for new life.

Announcements

Our worship is available online on the Alden UMC Facebook page, YouTube, and the Alden UMC website. Call (231) 216-1462 to hear our sermon by phone.

Mission/Vision Statement

The mission of the Alden Community United Methodist Church is to CONNECT people to Christ, NURTURE them to spiritual maturity, and PREPARE them to go into the world to bear fruit and to set a Christian Example.

We will accomplish this by:

- Celebrating with heartfelt worship of God
- Pursuing individual Christ-centered growth
- Being a caring community for all
- Using our time, talents, and gifts for God's purpose
- Sharing the Word of God

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