

Welcome! We're glad that you chose to worship with Manitowoc Cooperative Ministry today!

10:00AM Worship – 9 June 2019
The Day of Pentecost



We're grateful for those serving in worship today, including: Ministers—All the gathered.
Worship Leader—Gail Giese; Hospitality—volunteers needed;
Fellowship Hosts—Joanne Kreil & Dolores Janda.
Today's bulletin is sponsored by Keith & Sue Shaw.

Manitowoc Cooperative Ministry is a partnership of historic Manitowoc congregations served by co-pastors **The Rev Judine A Duerwaechter and The Rev Dr Matthew L Sauer**. **Our mission states that “we covenant to share, serve, and live the Gospel as we incorporate *the strengths of each congregation in service to the Manitowoc community.*”**

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When communion is celebrated, all who want to call Jesus Lord are welcomed to the Table of Love. * Hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers. * Children are always welcome in worship; if and when you need child care or a nursing space, please let an usher know and they will assist you.

All who are able, please stand and sit as indicated in the bulletin.

Parts the people say are indicated by bold text; parts the people sing are indicated by a 🎵 symbol.

CENTERING As you prepare for worship, reflect on these **words**...

O God, like the people at Pentecost, we too come from a variety of places and experiences. We come to be refreshed by Your Spirit and to join voices in singing Your praises. We confess that we have not always trusted You this week having clung to our agendas and judgments. Break through our lives like You did that first Pentecost. Remind us that You claim us as Your beloved, and ground us in this time of worship with You as our Center. In Jesus Name we pray. AMEN!

INTROIT She Flies On Gordon Light MCM Choir

GATHERING *We join in our weekly celebration of God's love*

One In celebration of Pentecost and the birthday of the Church, let us join together in a statement of faith:

All In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God **created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female**, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we **rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments**, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to **our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts** with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[From A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church USA]

All who are able, please stand

♪ Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness [HYMNAL #286]

Please be seated

FAMILY TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION We prepare to seek God in the Word

HEARING OUR STORY [Acts 2. 1-21, The Message]

One ¹⁻⁴When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them. ⁵⁻¹¹There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene; Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; Even Cretans and Arabs! **"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"** ¹²Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?" ¹³Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine." ¹⁴⁻²¹That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. **These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen: "In the Last Days," God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters; Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams. When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit on those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy. I'll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red, before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvelous; and whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved."**

One We are witnesses to these things: Christ has Risen, God is Love.

All Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Many Gifts, One Spirit Allen Pote MCM Choir

SERMON

THE TABLE OF LOVE We *gather at the Table of Love to share God's joyful feast*

“The table is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.” -Iona Community, Scotland

INVITATION TO SHARE We respond with generosity, as God has first given to us

Your offerings support the ministry of Manitowoc Cooperative Ministry as we strive to be Christ to one another, our community, and the world. Please make sure your offering is clearly labeled with ***‘Presbyterian’*** or ***‘UCC’*** ***so they may be directed to the appropriate*** congregation. Thank you!

All who are able, please stand

PRAISE & CONFESSION AS WE PREPARE FOR HOLY COMMUNION

- One God of Life and all living things, your breath fills the universe and makes it alive:
All We praise you, O God, for the gift of your Spirit.
One Your love blows through all creation and makes it one:
All We praise you, O God, for the gift of your Spirit.
One Your presence fills every corner, your voice fills every silence, your heartbeat lives within every living thing:
All We praise you, O God, for the gift of your Spirit.
One But we have fallen short in valuing the life of other people, other creatures, and the world you have given to be our home:
All O God, forgive us.
One We have fallen short in recognizing the connectedness of all things and have brought pain through division and exclusion:
All O God, forgive us.
One At times we have denied and resisted your presence, ignored your voice, and forgotten your love for us and all that you have made:
All O God, forgive us.
One Let us pray.
All O God of the Pentecost Spirit, we recognize the ways we have brought pain to others and to ourselves. For Jesus’ sake, we ask you to breathe new life into us, wash us clean, and ignite the fire of love in our hearts again. AMEN!
One Our Creator has made all things new in Christ Jesus. We have been restored to the love that binds all things together in the family of God. Alleluia! AMEN!

♪ Alleluia! Give the Glory

*Refrain: All

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Al-le - lu - ia! Give the glo - ry

1 and the hon - or to the Lord!

2 and the hon - or to the Lord!

The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff is labeled '*Refrain: All' and contains the lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!'. The second staff contains 'Al-le - lu - ia! Give the glo - ry'. The third and fourth staves are marked with '1' and '2' respectively, indicating first and second endings, and both contain the lyrics 'and the hon - or to the Lord!'. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 12/8.

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Please be seated

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- One Now we celebrate the Spirit of God, who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness.
- All We praise you, Spirit of God.
- One We celebrate the Spirit of God, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through him, made the life of God available to all.
- All We praise you, Spirit of God.
- One We celebrate the Spirit of God, who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the Kingdom of God.
- All We praise you, Spirit of God.
- One And so, as we gather at the Lord's table, we recognize the Spirit's presence among us, and we open our hearts to the Spirit's influence.
- All Lord, we come knowing that we depend on you for life and truth and love. We come knowing that you welcome us with open and accepting arms. We come ready to meet with you, and be changed by the encounter. AMEN!

SHARING GIFTS OF BREAD, CUP, & OFFERINGS

♪ Communion Music

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- One Thank you, Lord Jesus, for this meal of remembrance; and for coming to us, in the Spirit's power, as we have shared it.

All May the love we find at this table be reflected in our lives; may the power we receive at this table make us peacemakers and healers; and may the Spirit who fills us again at this table lead us to be those who proclaim God's Kingdom in every word we speak and in everything we do. O God, take the gifts that we have offered this day, and use them to ignite the world with the fire of your presence. Take the prayers that we have offered this day, and use them to breathe life into the valleys of dry bones. Take the gifts of the Pentecost Offering, and use them to teach and nurture young people, that they might share their visions with the world and proclaim to all your **wondrous deeds. We ask in Jesus' name. AMEN!**

All who are able, please stand

♪ Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow [Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN]

All ♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All who are able, please stand

BLESSING We go into the world as the Body of Christ

One Go and be amazed and astonished, for the winds of the Spirit are starting to move, and the dry bones are beginning to rattle!

All We go knowing that the Spirit goes behind and before us, drawing us into the heart of God and into the presence of our Savior. We go in peace. AMEN!

♪ Go Now in Peace

All ♪ Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in Peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

Thank you for celebrating with us today! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for conversation and refreshments.