



First United Methodist Church

Worship Guide for Sunday, July 5, 2020

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we worship today, we recall the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus at his baptism.

People: In baptism, we are claimed by God and freed from the power of hatred and death.

Leader: In baptism we are joined to Christ and called to continue his work in the world.

People: In baptism, the Holy Spirit anoints us for the ministry of proclaiming God's divine love to all.

Leader: In baptism, we are adopted into the family of God .

People: Therefore, we remember the work of the Holy Spirit through the baptismal waters.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Baptized in Water”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: We try to stop the Holy Spirit from coming into our lives, for we know how disruptive he can be.

People: The Spirit wants us to preach the gospel with our lives, but we prefer to complain how hard that is to do.

Leader: The Spirit wants us to do what is right, yet wrong-doing comes so easily for us.

People: The Spirit wants us to work for justice, but we just don't seem to have the time.

Leader: We confess because we know we need to be forgiven by you.

People: Bathe us in the life giving waters of your mercy so we can come up from the water, filled with the Spirit, and ready to live as your children – chosen, called, and forgiven.

(silent reflection)

Leader: You are God's Beloved. You delight God's heart. Believe this good news, my friends!

People: The Spirit of God rests upon us, anointing us with mercy and peace. Thanks be to God! Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:14-17

MORNING PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

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. AMEN

HYMN OF REFLECTION

“Be Not Afraid”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:9-11

SERMON

“The Breath of God”

Rev. Gary Ihfe

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Who You Say I Am”

BENEDICTION