



First United Methodist Church

Worship Guide for Sunday, June 21, 2020

Third Sunday after Pentecost

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, who gave us the Son, now gives us the Spirit of divine truth and power.

People: The Spirit brings us divine joy and life.

Leader: The Spirit offers us divine comfort and hope.

People: The Spirit leads us to divine peace and unity.

Leader: The Holy Spirit gathers us to worship God.

People: The Holy Spirit builds us up in love, and empowers us to work in ways of justice and peace.

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Gracious God, You have freely poured out on us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People: We confess that we hold back the force of Your Spirit when we become satisfied with familiar things and blind to spiritual things.

Leader: We confess that often our thoughts and actions separate us from what You desire for our lives.

People: We confess our need for the Spirit to transform our judgement into compassion, our suspicion into understanding, our fear into trust, our anger into reason, our conflict into peace, and our divisiveness into unity.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, and make our hearts one with Yours.

People: Have mercy on us and transform our lives, that we may boldly witness to Your saving grace, and worthily magnify Your holy name.

(silent reflection)

Leader: God, Who hears our prayer, has set us free from the bondage of sin and calls us to a life of witness and service. Sisters and brothers, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. AMEN

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 13:2-5, 24-25

HYMN OF REFLECTION

“Spirit of the Living God”

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 14:5-9; 15:14-17

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 16:4-9, 15-22

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Spirit of Comfort, Spirit of Hope”

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 16:23-31

SERMON

“Spirit of Justice”

Rev. Gary Ihfe

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

BENEDICTION