

*An Order of Worship for*  
The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

10.20.24



The word “Pentecost” is Greek for “fiftieth.” Originally, Pentecost was an annual Jewish festival scheduled to take place 50 days after Passover. For Christians, however, Pentecost is the 50th day of the Easter season, which marks the new birth of the people of God. As recorded in Acts 2, the Holy Spirit descended to sanctify and empower the Church to continue the work of the ascended Christ in taking the gospel of the Kingdom to the ends of the earth. Pentecost Sunday is followed by the Season of Pentecost, which is also known as “Ordinary Time.” During the Season of Pentecost, the focus of the Church Calendar shifts toward living ordinary yet Spirit-empowered lives in light of the death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ.



## Announcements

1. Our annual Thanksgiving-themed **All Saint's Feast** will be on November 3rd following the service. Mark your calendars and look for more details to come in the weekly email.
2. Our fall **Sunday School** is currently underway with classes for kids pre-k through 5th grade and adults going through the book of Genesis (nursery provided). Please join us at 9am on Sunday mornings!
3. Our next **women's gathering** will be October 25th @ 7:00pm and our next **men's gathering** will be November 8th @ 7:30pm.
4. The OFAC **Prayer Team** meets every Sunday in the chapel from 8-8:30am. Please consider joining the team to serve our congregation in that way. If you're interested, or if you just want more information, please email [bello@ofa.church](mailto:bello@ofa.church).
5. Our clergy would be happy to bring Communion, hear Confession, and/or administer the Sacrament of the Sick to anyone seriously ill, homebound, or in the hospital. Please email Drew or Andrew to set up a **visitation**.
6. Please visit the foyer for a **Guide to Our Liturgy**, which briefly explains some of the biblical and pastoral rationale behind the sequence and structure of our worship service.



### Get Connected

If you're visiting today, please take a moment to fill out our digital Connect Card by scanning the QR code to the left. An OFAC staff member will follow up with you later this week.



### Become a Member

If you are interested in becoming an OFAC member, please scan the QR code to the left and complete the online form. An OFAC staff member will contact you with next steps. We ask that each adult pursuing membership complete a separate form.

**Questions?** Email [drew@ofa.church](mailto:drew@ofa.church) or [andrew@ofa.church](mailto:andrew@ofa.church)

## Call to Worship (God Welcomes Us)

### *Welcome & Introduction*

Blessed be God: ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*Matt. 18:20; 28:19*

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### *The Collect for Purity*

**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.**

*Psalm 51:10*

O Lord, open our lips;

*Psalm 51:15*

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us;

*Psalm 70:1*

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to ✠ the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

*Matt. 18:20; 28:19*

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Lord be with you!

*Ruth 2:4*

**And with your spirit!**

### *The Collect of the Day*

O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**O come, let us adore him!**

### **Song: O Worship the King**

O worship the King, all-glorious above;  
O gratefully sing His power and His love:  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,  
Whom angels delight to worship above!  
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,  
In true adoration shall sing to Your praise!

## Confession & Absolution (God Forgives Us)

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity

*Psalm 32:1, 5*

**And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

**And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love. He promises mercy to all who confess and forsake their sin. With confidence, therefore, let us sing to the God of mercy.

### Song: The Trisagion

Sheet music is available in the pew back.

Let us confess our sins together. (*Please kneel if you are able.*)

### *Silent Prayer & Confession*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Brothers and sisters, the Lord has not dealt with us according to our sins. Know for certain that you are fully and freely forgiven. Believe the gospel and rejoice in the hope of eternal life!

**Praise be to God! Our sins are forgiven in the Name of Jesus.**

*Acts 13:38*

## Consecration (God Speaks & Sanctifies)

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

*Lam. 3:41*

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

### Song: The Sanctus

Sheet music is available in the pew back.

*Is. 6:3, Ps. 118,  
Mt. 21:9, Rev. 4*

### *The Psalm*

*Psalm 32*

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**Blessed is the man against whom the Lord  
counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

**You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay near you.**

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.

**Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

### **Song: Christ the True and Better**

Christ the true and better Adam,  
Son of God and Son of Man,  
Who, when tempted in the garden  
Never yielded, never sinned.  
He who makes the many righteous  
Brings us back to life again;  
Dying, He reversed the curse,  
Then rising, crushed the serpent's head.

Christ the true and better Isaac,  
Humble Son of sacrifice,  
Who would climb the fearful mountain  
There to offer up His life.  
Laid with faith upon the altar,  
Father's joy and only Son;  
There salvation was provided—  
Oh what full and boundless love!

Christ the true and better Moses,  
Called to lead a people home;  
Standing bold to earthly powers,  
God's great glory to be known.  
With His arms stretched wide to heaven,  
See the waters part in two;  
See the veil is torn forever,  
Cleansed with blood we pass now through.

Christ the true and better David,  
Lowly shepherd, mighty King;  
He the champion in the battle—  
Where, oh, death, is now thy sting?  
In our place He bled and conquered;  
Crown Him Lord of majesty.  
His shall be the throne forever;  
We shall e'er His people be.

### *The Passing of the Peace*

By the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, we have peace with God. We also have peace with one another. Take a moment to greet one another with the peace of Christ.

*Col. 1:20*

*Pre-K to First Grade Children May be Dismissed at this Time*

*The Readings*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may receive with joy what you say to us today.

*Ps. 19, Heb. 4:12*

**Amen.**

Reading from the Old Testament:

*Nehemiah 1:1-11*

The word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

Reading from the New Testament:

*James 4:11-12*

The word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Song: The Lord is a Mighty King**

The Lord is a mighty King: the King of all nations;  
The Maker of everything, let His handiwork say,  
“I am His, I am His! Creator owns creation.”  
See what power there is in the Sovereign who reigns.

The Lord is a holy King: the Judge rules from heaven;  
His wrath He will surely bring on the man who rebels.  
O my sin, O my sin! How can I be forgiven?  
There is justice in Him; is there mercy as well?

The Lord is a gracious King: for those who believe Him,  
His Son is an offering for their sins to atone.  
I'm redeemed, I'm redeemed! By grace I have received Him,  
By His death on the tree I have peace at His throne.

The Lord is a faithful King: He never will leave us;  
His children will ever sing of His glorious love.  
O my soul, O my soul is safely bound in Jesus;  
All his virtues extol, for the Lord reigns above.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew:

*Matthew 7:1-12*

**Alleluia!**

*The Gospel Reading*

The Gospel of the Kingdom!

**Alleluia**

Sermon: *Judge Not*

*Drew Knowles*

*Silent Reflection & Prayer*

## *The Creed*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* from the Greek *katholikos*, meaning "universal"

## **Song: Your Peace Will Make Us One**

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.  
You are speaking truth to power; You are laying down our swords,  
Replanting every vineyard 'til a brand new wine is poured.  
Your peace will make us one.

I've seen You in our home fires, burning with a quiet light.  
You are mothering and feeding in the wee hours of the night;  
Your gentle love is patient; You will never fade or tire.  
Your peace will make us one.

*Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!*  
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*Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!*  
*Your peace will make us one!*

In a world of war and ruin, You were born the King of Kings  
With a glory in Your bosom that is still transfiguring;  
Dismantling our empires 'til each one of us is free.  
Your peace will make us one.

## **Offertory & Prayer (God Receives from Us)**

Having received new mercy from the Lord, we respond in gratitude by offering a portion of the fruits of our labors. The Bible teaches us to acknowledge the Lord's provision by offering ten percent of our income to the local church. *2 Cor. 9:10-12*

### *The Prayers of the People*

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

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

### **Song: The Lord's Prayer**

Sheet music is available in the pew back.

*Matt. 6:9-13*

## Holy Communion (God Communes with Us)

### *Eucharistic Meditation*

Let us therefore proclaim the faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify ✠ us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ, our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

*Hebrews 10:10*

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### *Distribution of Bread & Prayer*

Gluten free wafers in the center trays.

*1 Cor. 11:23-24*

### *Distribution of Wine & Prayer*

Choose from red wine or white grape juice.

*1 Cor. 11:25-26*

Let us pray.

**Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Benediction (God Commissions Us)

The Lord bless you and guard you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace; in the Name of ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*Num. 6:24-26*

**Amen!**

### **Song: Doxology (hands raised)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

### *The Commission*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**