

PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 31, 2020

**Designates "Those who are able please stand"*

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE

Marty Light

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsively*)

Rev. Peggy Stout

Come, let us worship, all who love Christ the Lord!

***But it's so hard when our lives seem full of seasons of
adversity and times of personal struggle.***

Remember - God has promised no trial or test will have victory over believers.

But enduring is hard and at times our spirits seem so weak.

Remember - God Almighty is our strength and in Christ we will be victorious. So, let us worship our majestic and holy God and find strength for the living of our days!

***HYMN**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#377 Blue Book

***OPENING PRAYER**

Kathy Winters

God of peace, you have taught us that in coming to you in Christ that we shall be saved and in quiet confidence we shall know strength. So, in this hour of worship and by your Spirit, be present with us. Help us to be still and to know that you are our God. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

***PIANO INTROIT**

Marty Light

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Responsively*)

Rev. Peggy Stout

Holy and Righteous God, we confess before you and each other that our lives are not pure and holy apart from the cleansing blood of Christ. So, we come today asking for your forgiveness. We seek your salvation and then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness and then repeat our errors. We experience your grace, and then act defeated. We rely on your power, but only in the hard times. We seek the ways of the world and often become confused and misguided.

Forgive our sins, O Lord!

Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust in your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***PRAISE RESPONSE**

"On Eagle's Wings"

***And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of my hand.***

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy Winters

Empowering God, as the scriptures are read, send your Holy Spirit to move us to understanding and to give us strength and wisdom for living. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

I Kings 19:1-5, 9b-14

Kathy Winters

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC “*The Solid Rock*” Kathy Winters & Marty Light

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 11:28-30* Rev. Peggy Stout
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.
All praise to you, Christ our Lord!

SERMON “*Coping with Discouragement & Despair*” Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC “*Because He Lives*” Tera Rockett & Kristi Conner
(*Original Date: May 1, 2016*)

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Peggy Stout

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation Kathy Winters

Offertory

***Doxology** “*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*”
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer**

SPECIAL MUSIC “*You Raise Me Up*” Bergsvein Toverud, Soloist
(*Original Date: May 31, 2015*)

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Peggy Stout

***POSTLUDE** Marty Light

1 Kings 19:1-5, 9b-14

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. ⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.'

⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' ¹¹ He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁴He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

Matthew 11:28-30

28 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'