

## **Worship in Place: a guide**

First United Methodist of Cuero, Texas: Sunday, May 31, 2020

### **Greeting**

*Pastor Ron*

### **Opening Hymn**

*“There’s a Spirit in the Air”*

*UMH#192*

1. There’s a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere; Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
Living working in our world.
3. When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed, praise the love that Christ revealed,  
Living working in our world.
5. When a stranger’s not a lone, when the homeless find a home, praise the love that Christ revealed,  
Living working in our world.
6. May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways:  
God in Christ has come to stay, live tomorrow’s life today!

### **Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

*Tom Cheatham*

O Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world, and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze: we need your strength and wisdom. Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us eyes ever to behold the red and purple sunset. Make us wise so that we may understand what you have taught us. Clear our hearts and our minds for worship. Settle us down. Remove anxiety and let us be fully in your presence. Speak to us loving God in these moments. Amen.

### **Reading from Scripture**

*Acts 2:1-21*

*Emily Cheatham*

### **Song of Preparation**

*“Spirit of the Living God”*

*UMH #393*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living god, fall afresh on me.

### **A Message for the Day**

*Pastor Ron*

Diversity is on full display around the bird feeders at our home. And the sound of many different languages can be heard; robin and pigeon, sparrow and cardinal. The sound of blue jays and others lifts a word of praise to God’s goodness and glory. I often wonder if the birds understand one another. I mean, when cardinals are chatting with one another, do sparrows understand?

Pentecost is a day celebrated each year in the church, a day that remembers the day a miracle broke out and different languages was on full display. There were Jews from many regions under heaven in Jerusalem. And they heard the disciples speaking to them in their own language, telling them about the mighty works of God. And again, they heard it in their own language.

We don’t always welcome diversity. We don’t always celebrate it. In fact, sometimes we make dislike diversity. But we are a diverse people, a diverse global community. We speak different languages. We like different foods. We have different customs and embrace different political views. We are not all the same. And still God speaks to us each and every one of us. God meets us in the midst of our differences. And God speaks to us in a way that we will understand.

Love is God's universal language. And God calls us to speak that language. We may disagree but when we do, we can love. We may not like other ways, but we can still love. Diversity is a gift and the day of Pentecost reminds us that God meets us in our diversity.

**Special Music**

***"Holy Spirit"***

***Allison Zengerle***

**Joys & Concerns/the Lord's Prayer**

***Pastor Ron***

**Song of Praise and Celebration**

***"God of Grace and God of Glory"***

***UMH #577***

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us, scorn thy Christ assail his ways. Fears and doubts too long have bound us, free our heart to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control, shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

**Dismissal**

***Pastor Ron***

**Postlude**

***"Hallelujah"***

***Constance White***