

DIGITAL WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, MAY 31
PENTECOST

WORDS OF WELCOME — PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN

CALL TO WORSHIP — PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN + PASTOR LATAYA SIMPSON

WE GATHER TOGETHER BECAUSE GOD HAS CALLED US.
WE WAIT IN EXPECTANT AWE FOR GOD'S APPEARING.

**WE ARE TOGETHER, OLD AND YOUNG, RICH AND POOR.
WE HAVE COME, BELIEVERS AND SKEPTICS, TO WORSHIP GOD.**

ON THE FIRST CHRISTIAN PENTECOST, THERE WERE SURPRISES:
THE RUSH OF A VIOLENT WIND AND TONGUES OF FIRE.

**WE TREMBLE BEFORE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE LET THE SPIRIT IN?**

ON THIS PENTECOST, WE CAN RECEIVE THE SURPRISES OF GOD.
WE CAN BE MOVED TO SPEAK AND ACT IN NEW WAYS.

**WITH EXPECTANT EAGERNESS, WE WELCOME THE SPIRIT.
WE WILL RISK STEPPING INTO GOD'S VISION FOR US.**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! LET US SING.

SONG OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I WONDER—HOW OFTEN THIS WEEK HAVE WE PONDERED THE MANIFOLD WORKS OF GOD? HOW HAVE WE CARED FOR GOD'S AMAZING CREATION? WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO ENCOURAGE LIFE AT ITS FULLEST AND BEST? THE TRUTH IS, WE DON'T ALWAYS LIVE UP TO GOD'S CALL—SOMETIMES WE NEGLECT TO DO THE THINGS WE KNOW WE SHOULD DO; SOMETIMES WE PURPOSELY DO THINGS WE KNOW WE SHOULDN'T. SO LET US CONFESS THE THINGS WE HAVE DONE AND LEFT UNDONE THAT SEPARATE US FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER. WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN OUR PRAYER OF CONFESSION?

O GOD, WE HAVE SOUGHT FAME AND FORTUNE. WE HAVE RUSHED THROUGH OUR DAYS WITH UNSEEING EYES, STOPPED-UP EARS, AND DULLED EMOTIONS. WE ARE MORE OFTEN ENSLAVED BY OUR FEARS THAN FREED BY YOUR GRACE. WE DEMAND PROOF OF YOUR EXISTENCE BUT IGNORE THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS. WE MISS THE GIFTS OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT BECAUSE WE INSIST ON BEING IN CHARGE. HAVE MERCY ON US, O GOD. FORGIVE US, AND SAVE US FROM OURSELVES. AMEN.

GOD PROMISES AN OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT. WE WILL SEE SIGNS AND EXPERIENCE WONDERS THAT WE HAVE NOT SEEN BEFORE. WHEN WE CALL OUT TO GOD, OUR HEALING, OUR SALVATION WILL COME, BECAUSE GOD APPROACHES US WITH OPEN HANDS THAT ARE FILLED WITH GOOD THINGS. AND WHEN WE ARE READY TO BE TAUGHT, GOD GRANTS NEW INSIGHTS AND A DEEP, ABIDING PEACE. PRAISE GOD, FOR IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN AND MADE NEW.

PSALM 104 – HAILEY DEROME

¹BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL. O LORD MY GOD, YOU ARE VERY GREAT. YOU ARE CLOTHED WITH HONOR AND MAJESTY, ²WRAPPED IN LIGHT AS WITH A GARMENT. YOU STRETCH OUT THE HEAVENS LIKE A TENT, ³YOU SET THE BEAMS OF YOUR CHAMBERS ON THE WATERS, YOU MAKE THE CLOUDS YOUR CHARIOT, YOU RIDE ON THE WINGS OF THE WIND, ⁴YOU MAKE THE WINDS YOUR MESSENGERS, FIRE AND FLAME YOUR MINISTERS. ...

²⁴O LORD, HOW MANIFOLD ARE YOUR WORKS! IN WISDOM YOU HAVE MADE THEM ALL; THE EARTH IS FULL OF YOUR CREATURES. ²⁵YONDER IS THE SEA, GREAT AND WIDE, CREEPING THINGS INNUMERABLE ARE THERE, LIVING THINGS BOTH SMALL AND GREAT. ²⁶THERE GO THE SHIPS, AND LEVIATHAN THAT YOU FORMED TO SPORT IN IT.

²⁷THESE ALL LOOK TO YOU TO GIVE THEM THEIR FOOD IN DUE SEASON; ²⁸WHEN YOU GIVE TO THEM, THEY GATHER IT UP; WHEN YOU OPEN YOUR HAND, THEY ARE FILLED WITH GOOD THINGS. ²⁹WHEN YOU HIDE YOUR FACE, THEY ARE DISMAYED; WHEN YOU TAKE AWAY THEIR BREATH, THEY DIE AND RETURN TO THEIR DUST. ³⁰WHEN YOU SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT, THEY ARE CREATED; AND YOU RENEW THE FACE OF THE GROUND.

³¹MAY THE GLORY OF THE LORD ENDURE FOREVER; MAY THE LORD REJOICE IN HIS WORKS— ³²WHO LOOKS ON THE EARTH AND IT TREMBLES, WHO TOUCHES THE MOUNTAINS AND THEY SMOKE. ³³I WILL SING TO THE LORD AS LONG AS I LIVE; I WILL SING PRAISE TO MY GOD WHILE I HAVE BEING. ³⁴MAY MY MEDITATION BE PLEASING TO HIM, FOR I REJOICE IN THE LORD.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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SONG OF PRAISE

ACTS 2:1-12 – PASTOR SEANN DUFFIN

¹WHEN THE DAY OF PENTECOST HAD COME, THEY WERE ALL TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE. ²AND SUDDENLY FROM HEAVEN THERE CAME A SOUND LIKE THE RUSH OF A VIOLENT WIND, AND IT FILLED THE ENTIRE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE SITTING. ³DIVIDED TONGUES, AS OF FIRE, APPEARED AMONG THEM, AND A TONGUE RESTED ON EACH OF THEM. ⁴ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER LANGUAGES, AS THE SPIRIT GAVE THEM ABILITY. ⁵NOW THERE WERE DEVOUT JEWS FROM EVERY NATION UNDER HEAVEN LIVING IN JERUSALEM. ⁶AND AT THIS SOUND THE CROWD GATHERED AND WAS BEWILDERED, BECAUSE EACH ONE HEARD THEM SPEAKING IN THE NATIVE LANGUAGE OF EACH. ⁷AMAZED AND ASTONISHED, THEY ASKED, "ARE NOT ALL THESE WHO ARE SPEAKING GALILEANS? ⁸AND HOW IS IT THAT WE HEAR, EACH OF US, IN OUR OWN NATIVE LANGUAGE? ⁹PARTHIANS, MEDES, ELAMITES, AND RESIDENTS OF MESOPOTAMIA, JUDEA AND CAPPADOCIA, PONTUS AND ASIA, ¹⁰PHRYGIA AND PAMPHYLIA, EGYPT AND THE PARTS OF LIBYA BELONGING TO CYRENE, AND VISITORS FROM ROME, BOTH JEWS AND PROSELYTES, ¹¹CRETANS AND ARABS—IN OUR OWN LANGUAGES WE HEAR THEM SPEAKING ABOUT GOD'S DEEDS OF POWER." ¹²ALL WERE AMAZED AND PERPLEXED, SAYING TO ONE ANOTHER, "WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?"

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

SERMON + REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

THIS MORNING'S SERMON WILL CLOSE WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM AND BE THANKFUL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT, SIMPLY MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE A CUP OR BOWL WITH A LITTLE BIT OF WATER WITH YOU IN YOUR WORSHIP SPACE. PASTOR SEANN WILL OFFER INSTRUCTIONS WHEN THE TIME COMES.

STAY CONNECTED

PLEASE VISIT WWW.BELLAIREUMC.ORG/STAYCONNECTED TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS AND TO FIND A DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN FOR THIS WEEK.

SONG OF PRAISE + BENEDICTION

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