

*All who are able please stand

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PRELUDE- "Selected"

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP- "It's Beginning to Rain" Gaither

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

People: come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

People: come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

People: come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

People: come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With power from above to make our weakness strong,

People: come, Holy Spirit.

*HYMN- "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" #307

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: We remember the example of Jesus the Christ whose life was open and available to all.

People: We have cut ourselves off from others. We have withheld our gifts from them.

Leader: We remember the command of Jesus the Christ: 'As I have loved you, so you should love one another.'

People: We turn our love inwards. We have used others for selfish ends.

Leader: We remember the prompting of the Spirit of Christ, to spend ourselves for our neighbour.

People: We turn away from following Christ. We have silenced the voice that calls us.

Leader: Remember that the One who calls us is the One who equips and renews us

People: "The Spirit we are given is not a spirit of fear, but a Spirit of love and power and a sound mind."

Leader: Let us praise the one who sets us free!

HYMN OF PRAISE- "Glory to His Name" vss. 1&2 #382

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Andrew Reiter

SCRIPTURE LESSON- I Corinthians 12:4-11 Colin Smith

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

CHOIR ANTHEM- "Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place" Larson

SILENT PRAYER

Prayer List- Mary Andrews, Dottie Beccia, Vahness Buchanan, Charlene Burbury, Darcy Cassidy, Anna Fijol, Penny Gustafson, Pauline Guyette, The family of Lola Harper, Billy Hindes, Ken & Lois Macomber, Karen McQuilken, Stephen Scott, Kristine Thompson, Luke Tibedo, Doug Valk, Sandy Van Etten, Ren Yeo, Hany.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases/Trespas)

OFFERTORY- "Selected"

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER (In Unison)

Gracious God, we have prayed "your kingdom come and your will be done on earth..." We offer these gifts and our lives as signs of our commitment towards the living out this prayer. Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit to move forward in faith and with enthusiasm as followers of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

*HYMN- "Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me" #149

MESSAGE

*HYMN- "Victory In Jesus" #511

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE- "Selected"

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Announcements

The Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of husband Nicholas Beccia, parents Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Antoin and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Beccia, and her three brothers John, Harry, and Tony by Dot Beccia.

Our prayers and sympathies are with Dottie Beccia on the death of her brother and Dottie Kanz on the death of her mother. The services for Lola Harper will be this Wednesday at 1:00 PM at the Village Church.

All are welcome to join us in Mason Hall for coffee hour following the worship service. Thanks to Kelley and Kevin Buchanan for hosting this morning.

Don't forget! The deadline to submit articles for the June/July/August issue of "The Contact" is Wednesday, May 26th. Please email them to office@vccucc.org.

This Week In Our Church

Children's Choir – Today 11:15am
A Cappella – Monday 7pm
Village Bells – Tuesday 6:45pm
Chancel Choir – Wednesday 7pm

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 23, 2010

10 AM Service

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