

READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH

Cathy Gumpert, Pastor

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 11, 2008

11:00 a.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

+Announcements

Prelude "Be Thou With Me" Johann S. Bach

Moment of Silence

Call to Worship Psalm 104

Leader: O LORD how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

People: There go the ships, and Leviathan that You formed to sport in it.

Leader: These all look to You to give them their food in due season; when You give to them, they gather it up; when You open your hand, they are filled with good things.

People: When You hide Your face, they are dismayed; when You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When You send forth Your spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the ground.

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in His works – who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

People: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

ALL: May my meditation be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*+Hymn of Praise #381 (RIL) "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" HOLY MANNA

Prayer of Confession Psalm 104

Holy God, your creativity and loving-kindness continually amaze us! You have filled all of creation with the work of Your hands. You provide for Your creatures, who rely on You for their existence. If only we were as wise as they are. We misuse the earth, which You created. We misuse the animals, which

You created. We misuse one another, even though we are created in Your image. Forgive us, Lord God. Help us to treat one another, and all of creation, with tender care, as a mother hen tends to her chicks. In this way, we can bring Your healing to this lost and broken world, which You love so much. We ask this in Jesus' strong name. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ, have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy upon us.

Words of Assurance Isaiah 35:15-18

Summary of the Law Psalm 119:9-12

*+Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Sermon

*+Hymn of Preparation #374 (RIL) "On the Day of Pentecost" WHITSUN CAROL

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons
Old Testament Deuteronomy 4:32-40 p. 141
New Testament Acts 2:1-21 p. 885

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon THE HOLY FIRE OF GOD

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father, Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering *(Please fill out the red pew pads at this time. Remember to PRINT your name.)*
 Offertory "Theme of the Blessed Spirit" C. W. von Gluck
 *Doxology
**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.**

Dedication of Gifts

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the Community and The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Dedication #379 (RIL) "Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me" MEYER
Verses 1-4

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me" MEYER
Verse 5

Postlude "The Heavens are Telling" Joseph Haydn

*Congregation (those who are able) will please rise.
 +Latecomers and returning worshipers may be seated.
 The Hymns this morning are from "Rejoice in the Lord".

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WORSHIP SERVICE: 11:00AM (10:00 A.M. Father's Day through Labor Day) Nursery Provided

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:30A.M. Classes for Pre-school through adult (September through June)

Infant Nursery Provided

Our Invitation

We welcome you as we join together in prayer, in song, and in praise to God. It is our prayer that the blessing and fellowship you find here will enrich your life so that you will truly feel that you are a part of this historic, caring church. May God bless you in a very special way!

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Above all, we exist to worship God. Through the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will make the love of Jesus Christ tangible by caring for one another and those around us and will go out into the world to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ

The Rev. Cathy Gumpert, Pastor
The Rev. Donald A. McCabe, Pastor Emeritus