



Murray Presbyterian Church

May 19, 2024 10am Worship

Pentecost

Prelude

Bob Bennet

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting One Another

Ringing of the Tower Bell

*Call to Worship

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

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Like 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. Amen.

*Hymn: "Let Every Christian Pray"

PH 130

Prayer of Approach

O God, on this day of Pentecost we celebrate your Spirit so freely given and so powerfully active within your church. Moving in our midst, may that Spirit inspire us toward generosity and fire us with an energy to serve you well. We ask this in the name of Christ, whose promise of ever- presence the Spirit fulfills. Amen.

Special Music

Bob Bennet

Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-21

Sermon: "Easter People Are Spirit-Filled"
(*Easter People, pt. 7*)
Reverend William J. McConnell

*Hymn: "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

PH 398

Reception of new Members

Presentation

Reaffirmation of Faith

Prayer

O God our Father: we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. We thank you for choosing to add to our number brothers and sisters in faith. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen

Welcome

Prayers of the People and 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 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.

Offering

Offertory Music

Bob Bennett

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: "Spirit"

PH 319

*Benediction and Benediction Response

**May the Lord, mighty God
Bless you and keep you forever
Grant you peace, perfect peace
Courage in every endeavor.**

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**Lift up your eyes and see His face
And his grace forever
May the Lord, mighty God
Bless you and keep you forever.**

Postlude

*Please Stand if Able

WC: Worshipping Church Hymnal (found on seat) PH: Presbyterian Hymnal (found in pew rack)

Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-21 (ESV)

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God

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Announcements

Musical Guest Bob Bennett

This morning we welcome Bob Bennett with us after he was part of the Calvin Crest Men's Retreat. Bob's "Matters of the Heart" album was named Contemporary Christian Music Magazine's 1982 "Album of the Year", and his songs are an important legacy of the Jesus Movement of the 1970s and '80s, but still timeless and relevant. He has recorded 11 albums with numerous Christian artists and performed on tour with Amy Grant, Micheal Card and many others, and recently was recording new music in Canada for an upcoming release.

On his website, Bob says, "I think that accomplishing some sort of ministry by playing music is a completely faulty, frail method that God still manages to use. My primary goal is to communicate truthfully with people. If I can communicate truthfully the life of the Spirit and the always-accompanying struggle along the way, then ministry happens as a natural result of that. If something deep and profound happens, I'm as amazed and grateful as anyone else!"

Bob's music can be purchased at [www.https://bobbennett.com](https://bobbennett.com), and many examples of his unique storytelling style can be found on YouTube. Bob hosts a weekly live Facebook stream (usually on Saturday nights at 7pm Central Time) of songs and requests that began as a response to Covid performing restrictions. Search Facebook for Bob Bennett (Singer-Songwriter) and you will find him!

This afternoon, Bob will be performing a free and open concert at 2:30pm in Dundee Presbyterian Church, 5312 Underwood Street in Omaha.

SENCA Donation Theme for May: “Kids Cook”

Our church’s donation theme for the month of May is “Kids Cook.” We are asking for non-perishable items that kids can easily prepare for themselves such as ramen noodles, canned soup, and PB&J . These items will then be donated to the SENCA food pantry in Plattsburgh which serves Cass County.

New Members

One of the highlights of our Pentecost celebration this morning is welcoming Isaac and Erin Dritt into the membership of our congregation. Isaac and Erin, along with Ian, Elliot, and Abigail, have been worshiping with us regularly for some time now. We are delighted that they are formalizing that relationship and know that they will continue to enrich the life of our congregation.