

# WORSHIPING TOGETHER AT KNOX

10:30 am ~ May 23, 2010

*Pentecost ~ Receiving Members*



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## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fiona Gow

♦ ENTRY of the SCRIPTURES

Dennis Sutherland

♦ INTROIT Spirit of the living God

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♦ CALL to WORSHIP

Come Holy Spirit!

**Come and set us free from the tyranny of our own self-centeredness.**

Come Holy Spirit! Don't let our concern to have all that the world offers shut you out of giving us the kingdom of heaven.

**Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with grace and boldness to speak to our neighbours and to all people about the glory of God, like you did with the disciples at the first Pentecost.**

Come Holy Spirit! Dispel our laziness and fear by reminding us of the vision Christ promised of life in abundance.

**Come Holy Spirit!**

Come Holy Spirit! Come quickly! Come now, for our hearts are open and we want to worship God.

♦ HYMN Let every Christian pray

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† GATHERING PRAYERS

WORDS of HOPE

## RECEPTION of MEMBERS

Christian friends, Margaret Borland, Ian Sinclair and Kittie Ure have been baptized and are members of the body of Christ. They have been nurtured within the Christian community and instructed in the belief and practice of the church. They have been received into the membership of this congregation and desire to make a public profession of their faith – reaffirming the meaning of their baptism – claiming the rights and responsibilities associated with membership in the congregation of Knox Church.

Remember your baptism and give thanks. By the waters of baptism and the power of the Holy Spirit God claims us and calls each one by name. God unites us to Christ in his death and resurrection and grafts us into the body of Christ as members of the church. God washes us clean by forgiving our sin; commissions us to be a royal priesthood with Christ in his ministry to the world, empowers us to live in newness of life as people of the Word; and invites us to be renewed at the Lord's Table.

By grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God.

Margaret, Ian and Kittie you stand before God and this community of faith to affirm the covenant God made with you at your baptism, to acknowledge your growth in grace and to assume responsibility as a disciple of Jesus Christ in this congregation and in the world.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God who has been faithful to us in all generations, do you turn away from sin, renounce evil and all powers in the world that rebel against God or oppose God's rule of justice and love?

*I renounce them*

Do you renounce the ways of sin which separate you from the love of God?

*I renounce them*

Do you turn to Jesus, accepting him as Lord and Saviour, trusting in his grace and love? *I do*

Do you desire, in dependence on the power of the Holy Spirit, to mature as a Christian in the church, to seek the guidance of Christ as you listen for his Word, to celebrate his death and life at the table he provides, and to engage in his mission to the world? *I do*

Do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and so fulfill your calling as a disciple of Jesus Christ the Lord? *I do*

**[To the congregation]** Do you, on behalf of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Margaret, Ian and Kittie by word and deed, with love and in prayer, encouraging them to follow the way of Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church? **We do**

### The BLESSING

Margaret Borland, Ian Sinclair and Kittie Ure child of God, be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

You have been received into the membership of this congregation. You join us as sisters and brothers in the Lord to share in the worship and work of this faith community. Let us pray...

**Holy God, 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 honour and glory forever. Amen**

SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

♦ HYMN When the spirit of the Lord moves in my soul **398** 🎵

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

† PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**Living God, you have created all that is. Send forth your Spirit to renew and restore us, that we may proclaim your good news in ways and words that all will understand and believe. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Peter Berry



Acts 2: 1-21

Psalms 104: 24-34, 35b

Romans 8: 14-17

John 14: 8-17, 25-27

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This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

## WE RESPOND WITH FAITH AND THANKSGIVING

PRESENTATION of the OFFERING

MINISTRY of MUSIC

♦ DOXOLOGY

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† PRAYER of DEDICATION

**Life-giving Holy Spirit, bring to the bones of these gifts the flesh of our actions, and the breath of our caring, that our church and our service to others may come to life in your name. Amen**

♦ HYMN Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

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† PASTORAL PRAYERS and The LORD'S PRAYER

## WE ARE SENT OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

♦ HYMN O holy Dove of God descending

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♦ COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

♦ CHORAL AMEN

SILENT REFLECTION

POSTLUDE