



Liturgy: Testifying to the work of Jesus



for the 2021 Pentecost Offering

Call to worship

One: How many are your works, Lord!

All: In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

One: When you send your Spirit,

All: they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

One: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

All: may the Lord rejoice in his works—

One: We will sing to the Lord all our lives;

All: We will sing praise to our God as long as we live.

One: May our meditations be pleasing to God,

All: As we rejoice in the Lord.

(Psalm 104:24, 30-31, 33-34; NIV)

Opening prayer

Loving God who created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them,
we lift our voices and praise you above all things. You alone are worthy of our worship.
Though we live on the verge of pain and grief and death, we press into your promises.
From you, all life flows forth. Through Jesus, we have been and continue to be redeemed.
By the work of the Spirit, we are being made new.
May our melodies and meditations today testify to the good work you continue in us.
In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Suggested hymns and songs

“Filled with the Spirit’s Power” – *Hymnal: A Worship Book* #289

“I Love to Tell the Story” – *Hymnal: A Worship Book* #398

“Lord You Sometimes Speak in Wonders” – *Hymnal: A Worship Book* #594

“O Spirit of the Living God” – *Hymnal: A Worship Book* #361

“Spirit of the Living God” – *Hymnal: A Worship Book* #349

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age” – *Hymnal: A Worship Book* #403

“The Church’s One Foundation” – *Hymnal: A Worship Book* #311

Invitation to the offering

With your help, the ministries of the Church of the Brethren testify to the work of Jesus and amplify unique life-giving testimonies that need to be heard. Through online conversations and webinars hosted by Discipleship Ministries, Intercultural Ministries, the Office of Ministry, Older Adult Ministries, and Youth and Young Adult Ministries, fearless disciples and leaders are equipped to reveal the ministry of Jesus in new ways. Your partnership in this collective work builds up the body of Christ and speaks words of healing and hope to a hurting world. Thank you for giving to the Pentecost Offering, and, in doing so, sharing a testimony of how the work of Jesus continues among us.

Blessings the offering

God of all good gifts,

We thank you for sustaining us and all that has life. We are grateful for the opportunity to join in the transformation that you are doing in our neighborhoods. We offer these gifts to the Pentecost Offering, and through the faithful stewardship of the larger body of Christ, trust that you will use them for your good, revealing your glory in all the world.

In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Benediction and sending

Since we have received the gift of new life through the Holy Spirit, and been reminded of all that God is doing in the world, let us now go, testifying with the prayers we pray, the words we say, and the good works we do in Jesus' name.