

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, at the Feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel. Empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Garage Sale

Joyce Lloyd

Introit

"Nearer, My God, To Thee"

J. B. Dykes, 1861

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

Even though it be a cross that raiseth me;

Still all my song shall be, "Nearer, my God, to thee."

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The Spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.

People: **The Spirit moves within us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.**

Leader: The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of God's redeeming love.

People: As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the Living God made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #286

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** (*in unison*)

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We disrespect you by not believing in and accepting the power of the Holy Spirit. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity from those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins, that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn** "As the Deer" #626

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading

John 7:37-39

Choir Anthem "Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices" R. J. Powell, 2015

Hark, ten thousand harps and voices sound the note of praise above!

Jesus reigns, and heaven rejoices, Jesus reigns, the God of love;

See, He sits upon the throne; Jesus rules the world alone.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!

Jesus, hail! whose glory brightens all and gives it worth;
Lord of life, thy smile enlightens, cheers, and charms thy saints on earth;
When we think of love like thine, Lord, we own it love divine.

King of glory, reign forever! Thine an everlasting crown.
Nothing from thy love shall sever those whom thou hast made thine own:
Happy objects of thy grace, destined to behold thy face.

Savior, hasten thine appearing; bring, O bring this glorious day,
When, the mighty summons hearing, heaven and earth shall pass away;
Then with all the saints we'll sing, "Glory, glory to our king!"
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Promise"

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith (10.4)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

***Hymn**

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

#280

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.

Invitation to Offering

***Response**

Doxology

#606

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God’s People

***Closing Hymn**

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

#291

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Response**

“We Are the Church”

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!

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***Postlude**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Pastors: Désirée M. Youngblood
Steve Watters

Liturgist: Paul Oswalt

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Acolyte: Darren Cox

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