

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 20, 2018

Pentecost

8:30 & 9:45 A.M.

PRELUDE

*With Timbrel and Dance, Genesis Ringers
Spirit Praise, Chancel Ringers*

M. Tucker
arr. K. McChesney

WELCOME *(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad in your pew.)*

CHORAL INTROIT

Come, Let Us Sing

Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 104)

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works;

People: Who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

Leader: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

People: May my meditation be pleasing to God, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let us praise and worship God!

HYMN

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

(please stand if able)

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;
Give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
Still the church is called to mission
That God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yester-years;
For tomorrow's unknown pathway,
Hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;
Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame. Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of God, You are the wind that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams and new hopes. Forgive us our closed minds, which barricade themselves against new ideas, preferring the past to what You might want to do through us tomorrow. Forgive our closed eyes, which fail to see the needs of Your world. Forgive our closed hands, which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our own use alone. Holy Spirit, open us in new ways to Your love and service in this world.....*(time for us to offer silent prayers of confession.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME #582

(please stand if able)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
Whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

(please stand if able)

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. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

(9:45 only)

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – “The Peace of Christ”

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(9:45 only)

HYMN *Jesus Loves Me*

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

HYMN #300

We Are One in the Spirit

(please stand if able)

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain: *And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
Refrain

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:.

Refrain

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

Refrain

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

OFFERTORY

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing arr. Helvey
Alex Krenz, soloist; Joan Giles, piano; Melissa Martin, liturgical dancer

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing. I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing. I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing, and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna preach when the Spirit says preach...

I'm gonna pray when the Spirit says pray...

I'm gonna shout when the Spirit says shout...

DOXOLOGY

(please stand if able)

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

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(from PCUSA Mission Yearbook)

O God of Pentecost, place Your vision in our hearts. Give us courage to build trust among neighbors, and to risk our comfort to defend the weak. As Christians around the world proclaim Your wonders, may talk of Your faithfulness be our common language, and may Your Spirit be our constant guide. Amen. *(please be seated)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2: 1-21

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When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

“Joy in the Spirit”

Ann Hatfield

HYMN #539

We Will Go Out with Joy

(stand if able)

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Now anyone who’s born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.
Now anyone who’s born of the Spirit, sing a new song of joy.
Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God.
Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING IN THE SPIRIT

(adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith)

Leader: 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, and to unmask idolatries in Church and culture.

People: The Spirit gives us courage to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: In gratitude to God, and empowered by the Spirit,

People: 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!"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rondo Passacaglia

C. Dobrinski