

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 20, 2018

10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.

** indicates congregation stands
Bold print indicates unison reading.*

Prelude: "In Thee Is Gladness"
"Breath on Me, Breath of God"

Bish
Paxton

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Call to Worship: from Revelation 7:10–12; 15:3–4; 19:5–6

Narrator: In the book of Revelation, John writes, "After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

French: *Le salut est à notre Dieu qui est assis sur le trône, et à l'Agneau.*

Narrator: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

Dutch: *Amen, de lof en de heerlijkheid, en de wijsheid en de dankzegging, en de eer en de macht en de sterkte zij onze God tot in alle eeuwicheden! Amen.*

Narrator: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

Lithuanian: *O nuo sosto nuskambėjo balsas: „Šlovinkite mūsų Dievą, visi jo tarnai, visi, kurie bijote jo: maži ir dideli!“ Vėl išgirdau gausingos minios balsą, lyg didelių vandenų šniokštimą ar galingų griautinių dundėjimą. Jie skelbė: „Aleliuja! Užviešpatavo mūsų Viešpats Dievas, Visagalis.“*

Narrator: Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, great and small. Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!

Portuguese: *Grandes e maravilhosas são as tuas obras, Senhor Deus todo-poderoso. Justos e verdadeiros são os teus caminhos, ó Rei das nações. Quem não te temerá, ó Senhor? Quem não glorificará o teu nome? Pois tu somente és santo. Todas as nações virão à tua presença e te adorarão, pois os teus atos de justiça se tornaram manifestos.*

All: Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be God,

And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

* Prayer of the Day:

Holy Spirit, as the sun is full of light, the ocean full of water, and heaven full of glory, may my heart be full of you. Come as power, to expel every sin. Come as teacher, to lead me into all truth. Come as love, that I may adore the Father, and love him as my all. Come as joy, to dwell in me, move in me, and make me wholly yours. Magnify your glory by working greatly within me, and may others sense your grace in me, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

* Response: "Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit"

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession: based on Heidelberg Catechism Q. & A. 53

God's Will for Our Lives Galatians 5:16–26

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Acts 2:37–39; John 3:16

Minister: When the people around the apostles heard the message of Jesus that first Pentecost Sunday, the Bible records that the words "pierced their hearts" and they asked, "What shall we do?" The response was this: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Through the Spirit's work, the promise of salvation is given for us and for our children and all whom God will call. Hear this good news:

Hebrew: כי אלוהים אהב כל כך את העולם עד שהקריב את בנו היחיד, כדי שכל המאמין בו יאבד כי אם יחיה לנצח לא .

Spanish: De tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que ha dado a su Hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que en él cree no se pierda, sino que tenga vida eternal.

Hungarian: *Mert úgy szerette Isten e világot, hogy az ő egyszülött Fiát adta, hogy valaki hiszen ő benne, el ne vesszen, hanem örök élete legyen.*

German: *Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt, daß er seinen eingeborenen Sohn gab, auf daß alle, die an ihn glauben, nicht verloren werden, sondern das ewige Leben haben.*

All: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Thanks be to God!

* Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God,
Light of Light,
very God of very God;
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.**

**Who, for us and our salvation,
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again,
according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Response: "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" vv. 1–3, 5

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Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "There's No God as Great"

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Prayer for Illumination

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave for Children's Church after the prayer.]

Scripture Reading:

Acts 2:1–12 (p. 1078)

Sermon: *The Meaning of the Holy Spirit*

Prayer

* Hymn: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

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OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

Jones

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and forever.

Amen! Alleluia!

* Doxology: "Father, We Love You"

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Spirit, we love you, we worship, we adore you,

Glorify your name in all the earth,

Glorify your name, glorify your name,

Glorify your name in all the earth.

* Postlude: "Hymn to Joy"

Lowe
