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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

June 4, 2017

Fiftieth Day of Easter/The Day of Pentecost

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Meditation

Michael Helman

Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 130

Let Every Christian Pray

Laudes Domini

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the Amen.)

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent the 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

An Affirmation of Faith for Easter

Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Unison: That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death,

not to myself, but to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,

who at the cost of his own blood, has fully paid for all my sins

and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;

that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven

not a hair can fall from my head.

Indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Pastor: The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children may bring their "ringing collection" and come to the Baptismal Font for a

Time for Young Christians

Old Testament

Numbers 11:24-30

Psalms 104:24-27, 28b-31, 33

Unison

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

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

Yonder is the sea, great and wide.

Creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season.

When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created

and you renew the face of the earth.

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

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

I will sing praise to God while I have being.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Anthem

O Come, Sweet Spirit arr. Luigi Zaninelli, 1956

O come, sweet Spirit, heavenly dove, with light and comfort from above; be thou our guardian, thou our guide, o'er ev'ry thought and step preside. Lead us to thee that we may share the fullness of joy forever there. Lead us to God, our final rest, to be with him forever blest. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, angelic host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. (-- S. Brown, 1720, alt.; music: folk song Waly, Waly)

Gospel

John 7:37-39

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 313 Come Down, O Love Divine Down Ampney

The congregation sits.

Pentecost Lesson from Acts Acts 2:1-21

Sermon

Big Tent Revival

Mike Krech

"And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?" Acts 2:8

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 126 Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove St. Agnes

Nicene Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria for Easter Season Refrain of Hymn 122 Judas

Maccabeus

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.

Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Meditation in G J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology for Easter Season (to the tune of Hymn 455) Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

The elders serve worshippers at their places.

All Christians are warmly invited to receive the Sacrament.

You may receive the bread and cup when you are spiritually prepared.

Hymn 506 *Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness* *Schmucke Dich*

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion and Benediction

The congregation stands to sing the

Recessional Hymn 326 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* *Morecambe*

Postlude *Prelude in G Minor (BWV 535)* *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today is the Day of Pentecost. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon believers in Christ seals their faith in the resurrection, fulfills Christ's promise of the Advocate who would come, and empowers the church for mission and witness. Pentecost was already a festival for Jews, marking the harvest of the early wheat crop and was celebrated as the day God gave the law to Moses. For us, as Christians, Pentecost's images also include the wind or breath of the Spirit and the tongues of fire (thus the color red) as well as the miracle of tongues by which the apostles proclaimed the Gospel to all people. (JMK)