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

May 20, 2018

Fiftieth Day of Easter/The Day of Pentecost

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

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 come to the Baptismal Font for a
Time for Young Christians

Old Testament

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

Unison

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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

Romans 8:22-27

Anthem O That I Had a Thousand Voices arr. Jay Althouse, 1994

O that I had a thousand voices and with a thousand tongues could tell of Him in whom the earth rejoices, who all things wisely does and well. O that the people of the nations to God a thousand hymns could sing and drink the cup of God's salvation in peace to ev'ry living thing. God of the wind and waters and of the stars and sky, Creator of the earth and heavens, praise the Lord most high.
(--Johann Mentzer, 1704; Jay Althouse, 1994)

Gospel

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

Spiritual Dynamo

Mike Krech

“Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, ... come from the four winds, O breath, and Breathe upon these slain that they may live.’”

Ezekiel 37:9a,c

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 324

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open My Eyes

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

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 504

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Union Seminary

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion and Benediction

The congregation stands to sing the

Recessional Hymn 131

Wind Who Makes All Winds

St. George's, Windsor

Postlude

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)